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## PREFACE.

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A fifth volume of extracts from the archives of the Corporation of Nottingham is now offered to the public.

For the four preceding volumes the Corporation were so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. W. H. STEVENSON as editor.

At that time, Mr. STEVENSON held an appointment on the Town Clerk's staff, but shortly after the completion of the four volumes, he left Nottingham, having obtained an employment more conducive to the full exercise of his varied learning and abilities.

It is a pleasure to add that Mr. STEVENSON's subsequent career has been marked by distinguished success, the University of Oxford conferring upon him a degree, and electing him to a research Fellowship at Exeter College.

The loss of his services was deeply felt, and for a considerable time the publication of further *Records* was necessarily suspended.

With the sanction of the Finance Committee, the work of selection and transcription of documents for a fifth volume

was then entrusted to Mr. W. T. BAKER, who was and still is employed in the Town Clerk's department.

Owing to the pressing demands upon Mr. BAKER of his principal employment, his work on this volume has been done at somewhat long and irregular intervals ; but, in spite of this disadvantage, it is hoped that the result, which is now before the public, will not prove unsatisfactory.

The Finance Committee have at all times taken a warm and intelligent interest in the preservation and publication of our local records, and the zeal of their chairman, Mr. Alderman FRASER, D.C.L., in this direction, cannot be too highly commended, or too gratefully acknowledged.

SAMUEL G. JOHNSON,

*Town Clerk.*

GUILD HALL,

*Nottingham, May 1, 1900.*

## INTRODUCTION.

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Although the period covered by this volume may not unfairly claim to be one of the most eventful in the annals of our country, it has to be regretfully admitted that a vast proportion of the Nottingham records of the epoch are of a much less interesting character than might, from this consideration, have been anticipated. In mere bulk, indeed, the documents greatly surpass those of any preceding period, but the exceeding dryness of the contents of many of them is but too well calculated to abate the ardour of the sanguine investigator. The residue, however, contain matter that it is hoped may be of some interest for the general reader as well as for the antiquary; and the minutes of the Common Council, in particular, which have been largely drawn upon for the present volume, are valuable for the light they throw upon our local history during the 'Great Rebellion' of the seventeenth century. The references to the military operations, the defensive ones especially, in the town and immediate vicinity during the Civil War, are tolerably frequent, and Colonel Hutchinson, a name, it has been rather sarcastically and unkindly observed, dearer to the 'small-souled' antiquarian than that of the Protector, figures somewhat prominently, if not invariably to advantage, in certain pages of the Hall Books, though, on the other hand, the allusions to Cromwell himself are, if significant enough, much slighter and less frequent than his superior importance might make desirable, and add little or nothing to our knowledge of his character and career, or of his relations to our town.

It is not a little singular that there should be no direct reference, either in the Council Minutes or in any contemporary document in

the possession of the Corporation, to so notable a circumstance as the raising of the standard by Charles I. on Standard Hill.

The silence as to other occurrences, less remarkable, perhaps, but by no means unimportant, is scarcely more intelligible. The dismantling of the picturesque old castle by the redoubtable Colonel, and the subsequent angry visit of Cromwell, whose supposed designs dictated the measure, are wholly ignored.

The minutes during the Commonwealth period have little or no bearing on the greater political events, and are singularly dry and meagre for the whole of the reign of Charles II., a reign which, however reprehensible from the standpoint of the moralist, cannot justly be branded even by him as either dull or uninteresting. So sparse, indeed, are the entries, and so commonplace, and, from any modern point of view, unimportant, are most of the resolutions they record, that one might be tempted to imagine that an almost universal lethargy had seized the Town Council during the not inconsiderable number of years which intervened between the accession of the second Charles and his death.

Though the books are, by no means, of large dimensions, very few of the leaves are well filled, and the number of blank pages in each is certainly remarkable. On one of the many blank pages of the Hall Book for the year 1675, an unknown hand of somewhat later date has written the Lucretian lament, '*Quantum est in rebus inane!*'<sup>1</sup> but whether the writer was struck with the unsatisfactory character of mundane things in general, or of the Council proceedings in particular, does not appear. On a blank page of the Hall Book for 1672, there is the following lachrymose line: '*Quantum flevi in hymnis et canticis Ecclesiae tuae!*'<sup>2</sup> and in this instance it certainly appears clear enough that the grief expressed was not inspired by contemplation of the state of municipal affairs.

The Borough Court Books, which yielded so many items of

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: 'How great an emptiness there is in things!' A very modern hand, not difficult of identification, has underwritten the inquiry, '*Cur tu hoc*

*scripsisti?*' ('Why didst thou write this?')

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: 'How much have I wept in the hymns and songs of thy Church!'

interest for the first volume, have contributed nothing whatever to the present one. Twelve of these books are extant, but though they are sufficiently portly to promise much at a first view, only the barest particulars are given of the suits entered in them, and it was not found possible to extract anything from these which could be deemed worthy to arrest the attention of the curious student of local history. Their general character has already been so well described by the editor<sup>1</sup> of the previous volumes of this work in his exhaustive introductions, that it would be superfluous, if not, indeed, impertinent, to attempt in any way to supplement his observations.

Arid, however, as are the general contents of the Court Books, the following memoranda, written on a leaf (page 83 a), of the Court Book for 1642-7, are not without a certain interest :—

*'xj<sup>o</sup> Octobris, 1643. Nulla curia tenta fuit, quia praedicti Major et Vice-comites non fuerunt tunc jurati, et quia fuit tempore guerre inter Regem et Parliamentum, et iidem Major et Vice-comites, electi pro eodem anno, fuerunt absentes pro timore inimicorum.*

*xxv. Octobris. Simile.*

*1<sup>o</sup> Novembris, 1643. Praedictus Willelmus Nixe juratus fuit Major, et praedictus Ricardus Hides juratus fuit unus Vice-comes villae praedictae pro anno praedicto.*

*vij<sup>o</sup> Novembris, 1643. Nulla curia tenta fuit, quia praedictus Paulus Hooton non fuit tunc juratus unus Vice-comes villae praedictae, quia fuit tempore guerre, et ipse absens fuit, etc.*

*xvij<sup>o</sup> Novembris, 1643. Praedictus Paulus Hooton juratus fuit alter Vice-comes villae praedictae pro anno praedicto.*

<sup>2</sup>*Ricardus Hardmett, Major pro anno ultimo praeterito, 20 die Septembris ultimo praeterito (1643), captus fuit prisonarius per Newarke forces, et per eos custoditus prisonarius apud Newarke usque mensem Decembris proximo postea.*<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mr. W. H. Stevenson, M.A.

<sup>2</sup> This sentence is headed, '*Et quia*' ('And because').

<sup>3</sup> *Translation:* 'xi. October, 1643. No court was held, because the aforesaid Mayor and Sheriffs were not then sworn,

and because it was in the time of war between the King and Parliament, and the same Mayor and Sheriffs, elected for the same year, were absent from fear of the foe.

xxv. October: The like.

1 November, 1643. The aforesaid

The presentments at the Sessions throughout the troubled reign of Charles I. are very numerous, but the kindred character of the substance of the majority of them with that of the presentments so liberally exemplified in the earlier volumes of this work, has made the always invidious task of selection an exceptionally difficult one. Among the Latin presentments, those against persons using trades to which they had not been apprenticed, are (if ordinary felonies be left out of consideration) of most frequent occurrence, and among the English ones, those against recusants and scolds are multiplied *ad nauseam*. Of the first-named only one specimen will be found here, as an action for the same offence has already been printed in full in the fourth volume, and of the two latter class, though the examples given may be thought by some more than sufficient, only a very small proportion is really represented in this volume. The bundles are twenty in number (only three of which belong to the reign of Charles II.), and from these the Mickletorn Jury rolls, which, as before, were found rolled up with the Sessions rolls, have now been detached and separately numbered. The selections here printed sufficiently indicate the general character of the Mickletorn Jury presentments, one of the most noteworthy features of which, perhaps, is the constant resistance they evidence, on the part of the authorities, to building and other encroachments. Of presentments for the latter, however, space has been found for but comparatively few, and these, it must be understood, are merely representative, not exceptional, instances of their class. The same remark, it should be added, applies equally to the Latin Sessions' presentments for felonies, of which, also, a very considerable number has been preserved. In the cases of both Latin and English presentments, the

William Nixe was sworn Mayor, and the aforesaid Richard Hides was sworn a Sheriff of the town aforesaid, for the year aforesaid.

vij. November, 1643. No court was held, because the aforesaid Paul Hooton was not then sworn a Sheriff of the town aforesaid, because it was in war time, and he was absent, etc.

xvij. November, 1643. The aforesaid Paul Hooton was sworn another Sheriff of the town aforesaid for the year aforesaid.

Richard Hardmett, Mayor for the year last past, was on the 20th day of September last past (1643), taken prisoner by the Newark forces, and by them kept prisoner at Newark until the month of December next afterwards.'

results are shown wherever they could be ascertained, but, unfortunately, in many instances, nothing appears on the presentments beyond the charges themselves, and there is no other available source of information. In BAILEY'S *Annals*, indeed, there is occasionally, as in the case of Luke Bosworth, the reputed 'wizard,' a fuller account given than is supplied by the rolls, but, whether these additional details were drawn from authentic sources, now unknown, or were merely guessed or inferred by the annalist from the imperfect data still extant, is not easy to determine. That not a few of the statements in the *Annals* are inaccurate, is patent enough to any one who examines the documents on which they profess to be grounded. Thus, it is said, that in the *Hall Book* for the 16th July, 1638, the year in which Bosworth was presented for witchcraft, there is an order for the ducking of six women for scolding. There is no such entry in the *Hall Book* of that or any other date, but the *Sessions rolls* show that on 16th July, 1638, six women were, by the constables at the Sessions, presented in succession and by name, as scolds, and received the punishment on whose inhumanity Bailey has animadverted so strongly. The instance is merely a typical, not, in any way, an extraordinary one, for, as has been already remarked, such presentments were only too common, and why this particular one should have been selected for such a diatribe, is not very apparent.

In matters of date, the *Annals* are, it must be said, as often wrong as right, but inaccuracies of this kind are, perhaps, more easily detected by the critic on the look-out for them, than avoided by the historian or annalist, whose mind is necessarily divided by considerations at least as important as, and certainly of wider scope and import than mere dates can ever be. In no censorious spirit, therefore, but merely as a matter of duty, the mistakes of Bailey have been noted and rectified in this volume. The example of the earlier volumes has been followed in this, as in other respects.

The sources, other than those already mentioned, from which the materials of this volume have been derived, are similar in character to those described by the previous editor in his various Introductions, and need not, therefore, be dwelt upon at greater length here. Of

the Accounts of the Chamberlains, there are in existence twenty-two complete books up to 1687-8, besides the fragments of a later one of various dates; of the Summaries of the same Accounts there are seventy, and of the Rentals of the Chamberlains there are twenty-one. There are thirteen books of Bridge Accounts, extending only to 1660-1, and there are twenty Bridge Rentals.

The following is a list of the Hall Books which have been preserved :

NO.	A.D.	NO.	A.D.	NO.	A.D.
3400	1625-26	3424	1649-50	3447	1679-80
3401	1626-27	3425	1650-51	3448	1680-81
3402	1627-28	3426	1651-52	3449	1681-82
3403	1628-29	3427	1653-54	3450	1682-83
3404	1629-30	3428	1654-55	3451	1683-84
3405	1630-31	3429	1655-56	3452	1684-85
3406	1631-32	3430	1656-57	3453	1685-86
3407	1632-33	3431	1657-58	3454	1686-87
3408	1633-34	3432	1658-59	3455	1687-88
3409	1634-35	3433	1659-60	3456	1688-89
3410	1635-36	3434	1661-62	3457	1689-90
3411	1636-37	3435	1663-64	3458	1690-91
3412	1637-38	3436	1667-68	3459	1691-92
3413	1638-39	3437	1668-69	3460	1692-93
3414	1639-40	3438	1669-70	3461	1693-94
3415	1640-41	3439	1670-71	3462	1694-95
3416	1641-42	3440	1671-72	3463	1695-96
3417	1642-43	3441	1672-73	3464	1696-97
3418	1643-44	3442	1673-74	3465	1697-98
3419	1644-45	3443	1674-75	3466	1698-99
3420	1645-46	3444	1675-76	3467	1699-1700
3421	1646-47	3445	1676-77	3468	1700-1701
3422	1647-48	3446	1677-78	3469	1701-1702
3423	1648-49				

With the exception of the great Protector, the references to whom are, as has been said, comparatively slight and cursory, the most considerable personage of whom something more than casual mention is made in the following extracts is, probably, Colonel Hutchinson. Opinions may differ as to the value of his political and

religious principles, but of his courage and capacity, and his incorruptible integrity there can be no question. To these virtues, however, he certainly did not add the more amiable and attractive ones of toleration and urbanity, and it is only too plain from the *Memoirs* to which he owes his wide-world renown, that he, like his worthy lady and all, except, perhaps, the very noblest spirits of the party to which he belonged, was but too apt to asperse his political opponents as 'malignants,' and his religious ones as 'horrible atheists.' During the time of his governorship of the Castle of Nottingham, and after the formation of the Parliamentary Committee appointed to carry in effect in the town the ordinance of the Lords and Commons for levying of money for the maintenance of the army raised by the Parliament, his rule seems to have pressed somewhat heavily upon the garrison under his control; and, judging from the complaints against him in the Council Minutes, here printed in full, his better qualities would appear to have been at first all but completely overshadowed by the austerity of his demeanour to equals and inferiors alike, and his despotic and overbearing temper. In the petition of the Garrison to the Committee of both kingdoms, printed at p. 228, the 'high demands' of the Governor are animadverted upon as the main cause of the unhappy 'differences' then existing between the Parliamentary Committee of Nottingham and himself; and in the 'Certificate' which accompanied the petition, it is further alleged that in the absence of the Governor and his brother, 'this Garrison hath been and is in a quiet and happy condition, and no disobedience or refractoriness [exists] in any officers or soldiers, that we can perceive, but all are cheerful, unanimous, and diligent in their several duties, saving such offences as have proceeded from the factious party of the Castle' (p. 230). The emphatic declaration follows, that 'many of them heretofore have been so discouraged and provoked by the *impious commands and passionate and violent carriage of the Governor*, that they will rather lay down their arms, and quit the garrison, than endure such slavery' (*ib.*). The petition and certificate were subscribed to by the Common Council on November 14, 1644, and then entered in their book, and it was not until the lapse of

nearly two years that the allegations against the Colonel were ordered to be cancelled. That, in the meantime, a general recognition of his very real and rare merits had followed on a more intimate experience, is evidenced by the fact that on November 23, 1645, he was sworn burgess, and the usual fee of £10 was restored to him by the Council, on the ground, among others alleged, that 'he had done faithful and good service in his place to the State and garrison' (p. 239). A pleasing circumstance, and one which reveals a more amiable trait in his character than could be inferred from his Puritanic austerity, is that he gave five of the ten pounds to the poor, and the company ten shillings 'to drink.'

The rigorous orders of the Governor to the Nottingham Garrison of December, 1644, printed as an appendix at p. 423, will be read with interest, and, perhaps also, with some amusement, in the present day. The intolerant and fanatical spirit they certainly betray goes far to explain the reaction which, not many years afterwards, set in against the Puritan party in England. Indeed, so early as 1656, a 'son of Belial flown with insolence and wine' (or ale), already appears in the humble person of a felt-maker of Friar Row, William Bradshaw by name, presented at the Sessions on the 13th December of that year, for having in his cups impugned the authority of the scriptural narrative of the miraculous multiplication of loaves and fishes, and confirmed his asseverations with an oath (p. 290). A disposition to rebel against Puritan rule was openly evinced on the 20th July—the Lord's day—of the following year, by a popular tumult occasioned by the constables walking the streets 'to restrain children and servants from sports and pastime.' There is, it may be remarked in passing, a strong flavour of Puritanism in the presentments for this period, persons of both sexes being charged with cursing and swearing on the Sabbath day, and children with fishing and playing; and there is a request from the west side 'that travelling on the Sabbath day may be prevented' (p. 293). The constables are also found presenting Lady Hutchinson for having 'music in her house on the Sabbath day, the 12 of October, 1654' (p. 289).

From the vicissitudes of fortune experienced by many persons in the two great revolutions of the seventeenth century, the Mayor's (or Town) Clerks were by no means exempt. During the earlier years of the reign of Charles I., and before the outbreak of the Civil War, the Mayor's Clerk, ROBERT GREAVES, appears to have discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Town Council, and it is noticeable that the resolutions recorded in the Minute Books of this period are of a distinctly conservative character, and occasionally betray that dread of innovation which specially characterized the measures of the royalist party. With this dread, however, there is sometimes blended an infusion of Puritanic piety, or what looks very like it, as in the Council Minute of September 26, 1636, in which the 'company,' refusing to allow the Sheriffs, Thomas Wolley and Richard Turpin, any allowance in lieu of tolls for the yet unfinished bridges, recommend them (the Sheriffs) to '*refer themselves to God's providence*, and not to bring an innovation which in succeeding times always proves dangerous and obnoxious' (p. 176). In the Civil War, GREAVES remained loyal to the cause of the King, and even helped him actively at Newark, in consequence of which he incurred the displeasure of the Council, the majority of whom had by this time declared themselves Parliamentarians, and on August 14, 1644, he was voted unfit to be continued Town Clerk, and WILLIAM FLAMSTEAD was elected in his place. On 1st August, 1645, writs were obtained for removing GREAVES from the office of Clerk to the Statutes, and appointing a substitute (pp. 26, 27, and 28), and on 12th September following, the requirements of the writs were carried into effect by the 'amoval' of GREAVES, and the substitution of FLAMSTEAD (p. 237).

The full official style of the Clerk of the Statutes is given in Vol. iii. (p. 434), and in the Introduction to Vol. i., it is explained that the King's seal was sent to twelve towns, Nottingham being one (pp. xv.-xvi.). In the Statute of Merchants (*Statutum de Mercatoribus*), more commonly known as the Statute of Acton-Burnell, made in 11 Edward I. and *anno Domini* 1283, the additional direction is given with respect to the seal, '*le quel seal demoera en sauve garde le*

*Meire e del clerk avaundit ;*<sup>1</sup> and in the subsequent Statute of 13 Ed. I., Stat. 3 and *anno Domini* 1285, we read '*quel seel serra de deus pieces, dunt lo greignour piece demoera en la garde le meire ou chief gardein, e lautre piece en la main le clerk avaundit.*'<sup>2</sup> Among the seals in the plate of Corporate Seals accompanying Vol. i., will be found the seal referred to, the original silver matrix of which is still preserved.

FLAMSTEAD remained in office until 1652-53, when GREAVES was reinstated, but the circumstances of his resumption of office are now unknown, the Minute Book for this period being unfortunately lost. He would appear, by some means or other, to have made his peace with the Puritan party, and at all events, no fresh instance of open 'malignancy' is recorded against him in the Council Books, or elsewhere. During the whole of the brief but prosperous years of the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell, he seems to have fulfilled his duties quietly and faithfully, and it was only when compelled by 'old age and infirmity,' that he tendered his resignation of the office of Town Clerk. This was on November 1, 1658—nearly two months after Oliver's death—and RALPH EDGE was then elected in his place, GREAVES retiring on an annual life-pension of £10, payable out of the funds of the town. Mr. EDGE was more fortunate than either his immediate predecessor or successor, for, unlike them, he experienced none of the reverses so generally consequent on the advocacy of unpopular causes; and it is a striking proof of the esteem in which he was held that he was thrice elected Mayor for the town, thus discharging the double duties of Mayor and Town Clerk. On his death on 11th September, 1684, CHARLES BAWDES was made Town Clerk. This gentleman was, undoubtedly, a strong partisan of the House of Stuart, and his unswerving attachment to the cause of James II. resulted in a rupture with the municipal authorities which might have been anticipated. During the Interregnum which succeeded the flight of James, and on the accession of

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: 'the which Seal shall remain in the keeping of the Mayor and Clerk aforesaid.'

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: 'which Seal shall be of

two pieces, whereof the greater piece shall remain in the custody of the Mayor, or the Chief Warden; and the other piece in the keeping of the clerk aforesaid.'

William and Mary, he would seem to have been in the secret service, perhaps pay, of the deposed monarch; and among other charges subsequently brought against him, it was alleged that he not only grossly neglected his duties, but betrayed the secrets of the Town Council. The majority of the latter were Orangemen, whom BAWDES was little careful to please; indeed, it is but too evident that he took a delight in annoying and thwarting them to the utmost of his power. The more important discussions of the Council were, as a consequence, suspended in his presence, and his absence from them was openly requested, his salary was stopped, and Alderman TURPIN had to fulfil the functions he neglected until the 11th of March, 1689-90, when LAWRENCE ATHORPE was appointed Deputy Town Clerk. Finally, Mr. ATHORPE was himself elected Town Clerk on December 6, 1692, and the affairs of the Council were thenceforth transacted without further obstruction on the part of Mr. BAWDES.

Among the good acts of the Commonwealth should, perhaps, be reckoned the attempt—rendered abortive by the Restoration—to free the town from what was felt to be an oppressive exaction, the payment of the Fee-ferm of the Borough. This, described as £52 *blanc* in the Charter of Henry III., and subsequently augmented by the various small sums mentioned in the Conveyance printed at pp. 269-272, was originally demanded, as appears by the Charter of Edward I., in return for the privileges conferred upon the Borough by the kings of England; and in the troublous latter years of the reign of Charles I., the Corporation appear to have found no small difficulty in meeting the demands of the Committee of Revenue, the rent being, on the 19th November, 1645, actually three years in arrear, and amounting to the sum of £191 8s. 3d. On the 12th November of the previous year (1644), the Nottingham Parliamentary Committee petitioned the Revenue for the discharge of the inhabitants of Nottingham from payment of the arrears, on the ground that the fee-farm rents ‘do arise out of such tolls and other royalties and perquisites, and out of such other profits as by reason of these wars have almost wholly ceased, and could not be received or enjoyed; the rather because the said town, being a garrison, hath

been several times invaded, plundered, and impoverished by the enemies of the King and Parliament' (p. 225). A conveyance of the rent to the Corporation was effected on the 3rd September, 1650, the purchase money of which would appear from a minute of July 12 of the same year (p. 266) to have been actually paid, but the Conveyance was ignored by Charles II., and the fee-farm rents throughout the kingdom were subsequently sold to private individuals. Although the Corporation, as time went on, derived less and less benefit from the 'tolls, royalties, and perquisites' mentioned in the petition, it continued to pay the rent to private persons till May 6, 1891, when, at a considerable cost, a second and final Conveyance was effected.

The arbitrary character of the Stuart rule is illustrated by more than one document in the present volume. That the people were originally well disposed to Charles I., and hoped the best from his government, seems plain enough from the public rejoicings at his coronation, for the celebration of which the Common Council made a special order for the ringing of bells at every church, and the kindling of bonfires in the streets (p. 108). The Commission to collect a loan for providing Shipping, dated October 11, 1626, and printed at pp. 116-118, is couched in comparatively moderate terms, though its tone grows somewhat minatory towards the close, and when one remembers how little scrupulous the King subsequently showed himself, in breaking his engagements with his subjects, whenever it so pleased him, his assurance 'we faithfully promise and undertake on the royal word of a King, which we will be jealous (= careful) not to break with our people,' can scarcely be read without a smile. In the letters of June 30, and August 23, 1627 (pp. 125-128), the King's displeasure at the inadequacy of the sums collected is very marked, the demand for contributions is reiterated in terms much more peremptory, and there is a singular and almost pathetic blending of threatening with persuasive and conciliatory language which is very characteristic. In the Charters of Charles II. and James II., and the mandates of the latter substituting for the municipal officers then existing, others more to the liking of the royal mind, the despotic

spirit of the Stuarts is still more manifest than in either the Commission or the letters of the 'martyred' monarch. Both charters were cancelled by that of William and Mary, and the originals were probably destroyed at the same time. They are, as Mr. W. H. STEVENSON has remarked, 'historically of interest as illustrating the attacks made upon municipal privileges by the two sons of Charles I.' The Charter of Charles II. was intended to supersede all preceding Charters, and was only granted on the surrender—the legality of which was afterwards disputed—of the old Charters. Although it certainly concedes many of the privileges conferred by the latter, there are, nevertheless, some restrictions and exemptions not found in them, which would be but ill calculated to reconcile the town to the surrender of former Charters. The circumstances of the surrender itself are wrapped in some obscurity, but it appears from a minute in the Council Book of July 5, 1682, that the question of the surrender being put to the vote of the Council, the votes were even, fourteen and fourteen, and the casting vote of the Mayor, Mr. Gervase Wilde, settled the debate, that the charters were to be surrendered (p. 323). In a copy 'case for the new charter of William and Mary,' which has only recently come into the possession of the Corporation,<sup>1</sup> and appears to be of nearly contemporaneous date with the Charter, it is alleged that 'the Nottingham Charter was surrendered in '82 by three or four persons who in ye night broke open the trunk where the towne's Seale was, and affixed it to an instrument purporting [to be] a surrender, upon which surrender, the town had a new Charter, granted by King Charles II., and were made a new Corporation. The late King James turned all out again by a Mandamus, and then incorporated those persons who came in by Mandamus, by a new Charter from him.' The above account of the surrender is, in some measure, confirmed by a Council minute of August 30, 1689, in which it is stated that the Council 'are and ever were for the old Charter, and ever did and do look upon ye pretended Surrender of yat Charter to be fraudulent and surreptitious.'

<sup>1</sup> Through the kindness of G. B. Bee-man, Esq., 10, Throgmorton Avenue,

London, E.C., by whom the copy case was presented to the Nottingham Corporation.

and that they regarded the new Charter, obtained thereupon, as 'illegal and unjust.' The letters of George Langford, Mayor, and Nathaniel Wright, with respect to the new Charter of William and Mary (pp. 343-347), are of considerable interest, and in the specification of 'the things that are desired to be altered' (p. 345), the more objectionable features of the Charters of Charles II. and James II. are presented in a very clear and succinct form.

Although the whole of the Borough Charters were issued so long ago as 1890 in a single volume, it has not been thought advisable to exclude any which belong to the period here embraced, as their omission might not only have given reasonable ground of complaint to those who possessed the previous volumes of the *Records*, but not the *Charters*, but would have rendered unintelligible to those unacquainted with the charters themselves the various allusions to them which will be found in the following extracts. The Charter of Charles II., although, as has been said, it was subsequently cancelled, has a peculiar interest of its own from the circumstances already mentioned, and it is, moreover, of some importance as being the first charter in which the appointment of a Deputy Recorder is formally authorized. Recorders had, indeed, long before this, been in the habit of appointing substitutes, but it seems to have been without express royal authority, and the deputies who, unlike the nominal recorders—men of high rank and title generally—were professional men, well versed in the law, were sometimes themselves called 'learned recorders' by way of distinction, and sometimes, 'recorders,' without qualification of any kind.

On the various royal visits to the town mentioned in the present volume, there is, perhaps, no need to dwell. The account given by BAILEY of all these in his *Annals* is sufficiently minute, and he has quoted or epitomized such of the Council Minutes as record them. A few slight errors into which he has fallen have been duly noted in their place.

For the Latin documents, other than the Charters, contained in the present volume, it cannot, perhaps, be claimed that they are of any very special interest, though some are certainly curious. Two

of the most important are, undoubtedly, the Exemplification of the Domesday Book entry (p. 16), and the Exemplification of the Corporation claim to forestal and other rights (p. 33), the original of the latter of which is embellished with a striking portrait of the reigning monarch (Charles II.).<sup>1</sup>

The presentment at pp. 8-12, against Robert Heald, for filling up the Mickleton hole and removing the mearstone, is certainly entitled to rank among the more curious of the presentments in the Latin tongue, though, judged by the standard of importance, its value is small. The Latin of this document, as of some others, is far from impeccable, but the original has been faithfully adhered to, even to the retention of so barbarous a substitute as that of *praesentamenta* for *praesentatio*. Of the translations, it should, perhaps, be observed, that, in the case of words the exact import of which is disputed, the most generally received meaning has been adopted. The rendering, in the Exemplification of the Domesday Book entry above referred to, of '*In Snotingeham est una ecclesia in dominio regis, in qua jacent iii. mansiones burgi*,' etc., as, 'In Snotingeham there is one church in the king's demesne, wherein are situate iii. dwelling-houses of the borough,' etc.,<sup>2</sup> is, no doubt, open to criticism; but, in this instance, the word *ecclesia* has, rightly or wrongly, been understood as embracing, by implication at least, not merely the church, but the wapentake, or the whole of the estate under the church's jurisdiction: just as, in the present day, a parish church might stand for the parish itself, and as the Welsh word *Llan*, used as a prefix, signifies 'a churchyard,' 'an enclosure,' etc., as well as 'a church.' If, however, *ecclesia* is to be taken in its restricted sense, the passage would certainly be more intelligibly translated, 'In Snotingeham there is one church in the king's demesne to which are adjacent (or appertain) three mansions (or dwelling-houses) of the borough,' etc.

<sup>1</sup> A portrait of Charles I. also adorns his Charter, or, rather, once adorned it, for the features have been disfigured by some hostile hand almost beyond recognition.

<sup>2</sup> Deering, it may be observed, renders

the passage in exactly corresponding terms: 'In Snottingham, in the demesne of the King was (is) one church, *in which* were (are) three mansions of the borough,' etc. *Nottinghamia vetus et nova*, 1st ed. p. 9.

With regard to the '*iii. mansiones*,' a writer,<sup>1</sup> whose opinion on such matters is entitled to the highest respect, claims that three *manors*, not mansions, are meant, and that we are to understand that 'they were laid to, or were subservient to the Church.' 'These three manors,' he adds, 'appear to have constituted the wapentake of the town, for the western one was not given in the neighbouring wapentake of Broxtowe, or the eastern one in that of Thurgarton.'

Such Latin words or phrases (whether they have been adopted into our language or not) as occur in the English documents in this volume, are, with some accidental exceptions in the earlier pages, printed in italic type. The dates of the meetings of the Common Council are almost invariably written in Latin in the minute books, but are here printed in English only, in conformity with the practice of the former editor of this work.

Of the manuscripts in the English tongue selected for this volume, little further can be said within the limits of such an Introduction as the present one. Their general characteristics have already been indicated, and allusions have been made to some of the documents which are likely to possess the most general interest for the student of history. The presentment against John Sherin, dated April 24, 1626 (p. 108), and that against John Crofts, of the same date (p. 109), are worthy of passing notice, at least, not only from the quaint terms in which they are couched, but as evidencing a savagery of conduct both in master and apprentice which, it may be presumed, was more common in the olden time than now. The ills to which a poor apprentice was sometimes subject in those days are set forth very vividly in the 'humble petition' of John Corby, a butcher's 'poor 'prentice,' printed at p. 156. In this petition, while alleging that 'he has ever been willing to please and give content to his maister and dame,' he charges them both with having treated him in the most barbarous manner, he 'with great extremity being sent barefoot and barelegged in the cold winter, and fasting, about his master's business, and many times being kept fast until two

<sup>1</sup> Mr. William Stevenson, of Hull.  
See *Transactions of the Thoroton Society*

for 1897, p. 40. James Bell & Son,  
Nottingham, 1898.

of the clock in the afternoons, and could no ways give them content.'

Hardly less striking than this picture of wretchedness is that contained in the petition of the 'poor prisoner,' Richard Evans, to the Mayor, dated January 15, 1637-8, and printed at p. 186. The petitioner complains that he is 'starved for want of clothes and food,' and owes money to the 'poor man that tends him,' and he adds that 'nothing has been given him this month, so that he is pined and starved for want of things necessary.'

That freedom of speech, especially to those in office, which is sometimes claimed as the special prerogative of the present age, was not unknown even in the seventeenth century, as the 'articles' exhibited by Robert Malin, the Sheriff, against John Spencer, and dated December 18, 1651 (p. 275), sufficiently testify. Such open and gross abuse in the church itself, and before the most influential men in the town, is a remarkable instance of licence, and it is not surprising that such a *scandalum magnatum*, as it has been called, should have been seriously resented by the Sheriff. The instance is not a solitary one, for on March 18, 1632-3, we find Henry Hill presented at the Sessions for reviling the Mayor and Mr. Alexander Staples, late Sheriff, at the former's house, in terms not to be repeated (p. 156), and on November 29, 1700, William Crafts, described as a framework-knitter, was disfranchised for 'striking and offering many affronts' to the Mayor, Samuel Watkinson (p. 404).

On June 1, 1649, also, William White confessed before the Town Council, to have said of Alderman James that 'he never did his neighbours any good,' and on July 7 following, Richard James was presented at the Sessions for having called the same Alderman an intermeddler, a knave, and a fool, a charge which was repeated in the 'articles' against the same delinquent exhibited before the Mayor, William Richards, and Alderman William Gregory, on the 14th of the same month (p. 261). On September 27, 1652, a Thomas Burges had to apologize to the Town Council for having remarked, on the occasion of Robert Throne being sworn burgess,

that 'he thought they,' meaning the company, 'would swear the devil burgess' (pp. 278-9).

The comparative paucity of references to the great Protector may be thought to be, in some degree, compensated by the tolerably frequent mention of the Roundhead soldiery, the cost of whose quartering in the town would appear from the Council Minutes to have been considerable.

It may here be remarked, that the date of the letter as to the training of soldiers, printed at p. 138, was probably some time between the years 1626 and 1628, for in the Chamberlains' Account for the year 1627, there is an entry of payment of soldiers' wages at the training on the 18th and 19th May (the letter, however, fixes the muster for the 3rd October), and in the account for 1628-9, there is a like entry in respect of a training the date of which is not mentioned.

The editor cannot hope that the present volume is free from error, or that the work of selection and annotation will give entire satisfaction to the critic; but whatever the mistakes or defects of the book, and whether deemed serious or trivial, the responsibility of them rests with him alone. For such, no leniency of treatment is asked or expected, although his pains to avoid them have been considerable. If, on the other hand, the volume should be deemed worthy of some measure of praise, the credit is due, not to him, but to Sir SAMUEL GEORGE JOHNSON, without the stimulus of whose constant encouragement it would certainly never have seen the light, and to Mr. W. H. STEVENSON, M.A., whose labours on the previous volumes have determined the form, and, in no small degree, the character of the contents of the present one. The model may, after all, be found to be only distantly approached, and comparison with a predecessor seldom proves advantageous, but the debt itself is scarcely to be over-estimated, and demands, therefore, in common fairness, the amplest acknowledgment. At the same time, it should also be observed, that a wholly independent treatment of material would have been incompatible with that uniformity of character which subscribers to the various volumes have a right to expect from

them, and, consequently, originality of method has been no part of the editor's aim.

A word of acknowledgment is due to the excellent and very complete index lately supplied by Dr. R. C. Chicken<sup>1</sup> to DEERING'S *Nottinghamia*, which has greatly facilitated such references as have had to be made to the latter work for this volume, and would have been of still more service had not its appearance been so recent. The value of the Index for any future volume of the *Records of Nottingham* will, undoubtedly, be very considerable.

The plates comprise *fac-similes* of the above-mentioned Exemplification of that part of the Domesday Book which relates to Nottingham, dated June 15, 1635, and a page of the Hall Book, in the handwriting of Robert Greaves, the Mayor's or Town Clerk. The Exemplification is printed in full at pp. 16-20, and the contents of the page of the Hall Book will be found at pp. 129-130.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R. C. Chicken, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng., Surgeon to the Nottingham General Hospital. The Index was published as a separate volume in 1899 by Mr. Frank Murray, Regent House, Nottingham.

<sup>2</sup> By the printers' oversight, the final 'e' of the word 'towne' has, in one instance, been omitted (p. 129, last line), and the 'm' of Christmas has been unnecessarily italicized (p. 130, line 12).











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### I.—*Charter of King Charles I.*

1626, December 8.

CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., omnibus, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint, salutem.

Inspeximus literas patentes Domini Jacobi, nuper Regis Angliae, patris nostri praecharissimi, de confirmatione factas in haec verba: 5  
'JACOBUS, Dei gratia' [*etc., reciting Charter of King James I., No. XX., Vol. IV., page 64.*]

Nos autem cartas et literas praedictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta et specificata rata habentes et grata, ea, pro nobis, haeredibus et successoribus nostris, quantum in nobis est, acceptamus 10 et approbamus, ac dilectis [nobis] nunc Majori, Vicecomitibus, et Burgensibus praedictae villae de Notyngham, et Majori et Burgensibus ejusdem villae, haeredibus et successoribus suis, tenore praesentium ratificamus et confirmamus, sicut cartae et litterae praedictae in se rationabiliter testantur. 15

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso, apud Westmonasterium, octavo die Decembris, anno regni nostri secundo.

Wolseley.

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### II.—*Writ as to Willoughby's Charity.*

1627, June 11.

WRIT RECITING A DECREE OF THE COMMISSIONERS FOR CHARITABLE USES RESPECTING THE PAYMENT OF WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY'S CHARITY OF FOUR GOWNS OF FRIEZE AND SIX POUNDS IN MONEY TO BE GIVEN TO THE POOR OF NOTTINGHAM, AND OTHER PLACES, ON WHITSUNDAY, OUT OF HIS LANDS IN NOTTINGHAM, RADFORD, AND LENTON; AND ORDERING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DECREE.

CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae 20 Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., Willelmo Willoughby, filio et haeredi

## RECORDS OF THE BOROUGH OF NOTTINGHAM.

### I.—*Charter of King Charles I.*

1626, December 8.

CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting.

We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord James, late  
5 King of England, our very dear father, of confirmation made in these words: 'JAMES, by the grace of God' [*etc., reciting Charter of King James I., No. XX., Vol. IV., page 65*].

We also, esteeming the charters and letters aforesaid and all and singular the things in the same contained and specified as valid and  
10 acceptable, do, for us, our heirs and successors, so far as in us lies, accept and approve them, and do ratify and confirm them by the tenor of these presents to [our] well-beloved the present Mayor, Sheriffs, and Burgesses of the aforesaid town of Nottingham, and to the Mayor and Burgesses of the same town, their heirs and suc-  
15 cessors, as the charters and letters aforesaid in themselves do reasonably bear witness.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself, at Westminster, the eighth day of December, in the second year of our reign.

Wolseley.

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WIT RECITING A DECREE OF THE COMMISSIONERS FOR CHARITABLE USES RESPECTING THE PAYMENT OF WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY'S CHARITY OF FOUR GOWNS OF FRIEZE AND SIX POUNDS IN MONEY TO BE GIVEN TO THE POOR OF NOTTINGHAM, AND OTHER PLACES, ON WHITSUNDAY, OUT OF HIS LANDS IN NOTTINGHAM, RADFORD, AND LENTON; AND ORDERING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DECREE,

CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to William Willoughby,

Gilberti Willoughby defuncti, filii et haeredis Willelmi Willoughby similiter defuncti, ac omnibus aliis tenentibus et occupatoribus terrarum et tenementorum quae fuerunt praedicti Willelmi Willoughby senioris in villis, parochiis, et campis de Nottingham, Lenton, et Radford, ac omnibus aliis quibus interest aut interesse potuit, 5 salutem.

Cum quae ex communi consilio regni nostri Angliae, ad Dei gloriam et populi nostri commodum, provisa et ordinata sunt, ea nos per regia autoritate nostra debitae executioni mandari teneamur; ac nuper ex certificatione Willelmi Borlas, militis, Francisci Cheyne, 10 militis, Jeronimii Horsey, militis, Willelmi Tothill, armigeri, et Willelmi Hakewell, armigeri, Commissionariorum praecharissimi patris nostri Domini Jacobi nuper Regis Angliae, inter alia, virtute commissionis dicti nuper Regis sub magno sigillo suo Angliae cis et aliis in hac parte directae et in Cancellariam suam sub sigillis eorum 15 retornatae, ac ibidem de recordo residentis, datur nobis intelligi, quod praedicti Commissionarii dicti nuper Regis, virtute commissionis suae praedictae, juxta formam cujusdam Actus in Parlamento Dominae Elizabethae, nuper Reginae Angliae, anno regni sui quadragesimo tertio tento, editi et provisi,<sup>1</sup> facta prius per patriam inquisitione, 20 habitisque debita testium examinatione et deliberatione matura, ordinationes quasdam sive decreta<sup>2</sup> in scriptis fecerunt ac in Cancellariam suam praedictam unacum commissione praedicta retornaverunt,<sup>3</sup> videlicet, quod haeredes et assignati praedicti Gilberti Willoughby qui forent seisciti pro tempore existente de et in prae- 25 dictis terris et tenementis quae fuerunt praedicti Willelmi Willoughby senioris, in villis, parochiis, et campis de Nottinghamia, Lenton, et Radford praedictis, imperpetuum annuatim deliberarent sive deliberari causarent ad festum Pentecostes, Anglice '*Whitsonday*,' circiter horam octavam ante meridiem ejusdem diei, quatuor senior- 30 ibus, pauperibus, impotentibus, et indigentibus populis, ad eorum solum et proprium opus et usum, quatuor togas aptatas<sup>4</sup> pexas, Anglice, '*of frise*,' pretii cujuslibet eorum decem solidorum aut eo circiter, ac etiam sex probis hominibus alicujus misterii sive agricolis sex libras legalis monetae Angliae, necnon Concionatori docto et pio 35

<sup>1</sup> Stat. 43 Eliz., c. IV. (*Stat. of the Realm*, v., 970), entitled 'An Acte to redresse the Misemployment of Landes, Goodes, and Stockes of Money heretofore

given to Charitable Uses.' See *Records*, Vol. IV., p. 66.

<sup>2</sup> So in MS., but in the singular below.

<sup>3</sup> *retornaverunt*,] '*retornav'int*,' MS.

the son and heir of Gilbert Willoughby, deceased, the son and heir of William Willoughby, likewise deceased, and to all other tenants and occupiers of the lands and tenements which belonged to the aforesaid William Willoughby the elder in the towns, parishes, and  
5 fields of Nottingham, Lenton, and Radford, and to all others whom it concerns or might have concerned, greeting.

Whereas we are bound for our royal authority to put into due execution those things that were provided and ordained by the common council of our realm of England for the glory of God and  
10 the advantage of our people; and whereas lately we are given to understand by the certificate of William Borlas, knight, Francis Cheyne, knight, Hieronymus Horsey, knight, William Tothill, esquire, and William Hakewell, esquire, Commissioners of our dearly beloved father, the Lord James, late King of England, among other things,  
15 by virtue of the commission of the said late King, under his great seal of England, to them and others in this behalf directed, and returned into his Chancery under their seals, and there remaining of record, that the aforesaid Commissioners of the said late King, by virtue of his commission aforesaid, according to the form of a certain  
20 Act issued and provided<sup>1</sup> in the Parliament of the Lady Elizabeth, holden in the forty-third year of her reign, they having previously made inquiry by the country, and having made due examination of witnesses, and after mature deliberation, have made and returned into his Chancery aforesaid, together with the commission aforesaid,  
25 certain ordinances or decrees<sup>2</sup> in writing, namely, that the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid Gilbert Willoughby, who should be seized for the time being of and in the aforesaid lands and tenements which belonged to the aforesaid William Willoughby, the elder, in the towns, parishes, and fields of Nottingham, Lenton, and Radford  
30 aforesaid, should deliver or cause to be delivered every year for ever at the feast of Pentecost (in English, '*Whitsonday*'), about the eighth hour before noon of the same day, to four old, poor, infirm, and indigent people, for their sole and proper behoof and use, four suitable<sup>4</sup> homespun gowns, in English, '*of frise*,' of the value of ten  
35 shillings each, or thereabouts, and also to six upright men of a certain trade, or husbandmen, six pounds of legal money of England,

<sup>4</sup> *aptatas*, more literally translated 'made to fit.' The English equivalent in contemporary documents is 'made fit.'

ad educandos populos praedictos, super praedictam festivalem diem Pentecostes, sex solidos et octo denarios; ac quod praedictae separales legationes et pecuniarum summae solutae et deliberatae forent, ut praefertur, inhabitantibus infra separales villas et parochias de Magno Marlow, in Comitatu Buckinghamiae, Noneaton, in Comitatu Warwici,<sup>1</sup> 5 Normanton super Soare, in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, villa Nottinghamiae, Wolby; ac etiam quod praedictae legationes et pecuniarum summae datae et solutae erunt partibus praedictis infra praedictas separales parochias successive, prout mentionatae in ultima voluntate praedicti Willelmi Willoughby senioris. 10

Vobis igitur et cuilibet vestrum firmiter injungendo praecipimus quod decretum praedictum,<sup>2</sup> quae ad vos seu aliquem vestrum aliquanter spectant inviolabiliter per omnia, perimpleteis et perimpleri faciatis, et quilibet vestrum perimpleteat et perimpleri faciat juxta tenorem, propositum, et effectum decreti praedicti sub poena centum 15 librarum.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium undecimo die Junii, anno regni [nostri] tertio.

Caesar Br[oughton].

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### III.—*Extracts from the Presentments at the Sessions.*<sup>3</sup>

1629-30, January 18.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet :—Juratores pro Domino Rege praesentant, quod Robertus Collinson, de villa Nottinghamiae, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *apothecarie*, Thoma Walker, de villa et Comitatu praedictis, *cordweyner*, Willelmus Hamerton, de villa et Comitatu praedictis, generosus, Catherina Cooke, uxor Michaelis Cooke, de villa et Comitatu praedictis, *cooper*, Elizabetha Nixe, uxor 25 Leonardi Nixe, junioris, de villa et Comitatu praedictis, *fishmonger*, et Dorothea Lea, de villa Nottinghamiae praedicta, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, vidua,<sup>4</sup> qui, decimo die Julii, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., quinto,<sup>5</sup> fuerunt

<sup>1</sup> *Warwici*,] 'Warr,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> 'decret. p'd't'm,' MS. Decreta above.

<sup>3</sup> The Latin presentments for the period covered by this volume are for the more serious offences, and, with but few exceptions, on parchment. Specimens of

each class are given. Presentments for felonies and for using trades without having been apprenticed to them are very common, but none of them can claim to be specially noteworthy. The English presentments are on paper, and extracts

as well as six shillings and eightpence to a learned and pious Lecturer, to instruct the people aforesaid, upon the aforesaid festival day of Pentecost ; and that the aforesaid several legacies and sums of money should be paid and delivered, as is aforesaid, to the inhabitants within the several towns of Great Marlow, in the County of Buckingham, Nuneaton, in the County of Warwick, Normanton-upon-Soar, in the County of Nottingham, the town of Nottingham, Wolby ; and also that the aforesaid legacies and sums of money shall be given and paid to the aforesaid parties within the aforesaid several  
 10 parishes successively, as mentioned in the last will of the aforesaid William Willoughby the elder.

We, therefore, firmly enjoining, do command you and each one of you to fulfil and cause to be fulfilled the decree aforesaid inviolably in all things that in any wise regard you or any one of you ; and  
 15 each one of you shall fulfil [the same] and cause [it] to be fulfilled according to the tenor, purport, and effect of the decree aforesaid, on pain of a hundred pounds.

Witness myself at Westminster, the eleventh day of June, in the third year of our reign. Caesar Br[oughton].

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### III.—*Extracts from the Presentments at the Sessions.*<sup>3</sup>

1629-30, January 18.

Town of Nottingham, to wit :—The Jurors for the Lord King present, that Robert Collinson, of the town of Nottingham, in the county of the town of Nottingham, apothecary, Thomas Walker, of the town and county aforesaid, cordwainer, William Hamerton, of  
 25 the town and county aforesaid, gentleman, Catherine Cooke, wife of Michael Cooke, of the town and county aforesaid, cooper, Elizabeth Nix, wife of Leonard Nix, the younger, of the town and county aforesaid, fishmonger, and Dorothy Lea, of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, in the county of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, widow,<sup>4</sup>  
 30 who, on the tenth day of July, in the fifth year of the reign of our Lord Charles, the present King of England, etc.,<sup>5</sup> were of the age of

will be found among the English documents in this volume. It should be added that, like other legal writings, the presentments for the brief period of the Commonwealth are all in the vernacular.

<sup>4</sup> There are numerous presentments in English against all these persons for the same offence throughout the reign of Charles I.

<sup>5</sup> Friday, July 10, 1629.

aetatis sexdecim<sup>1</sup> annorum, et ultra, non accesserunt (Anglice, '*haue nott repayred*') ecclesiis suis parochialibus, infra villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, nec alicui aliae ecclesiae, capellae, aut usuali loco communis precationis, nec ibidem fuerunt tempore communis precationis ad aliquod tempus infra sex menses proximo sequentes praedictum 5 decimum diem Julii, anno quinto supradicto, sed abstinerunt ab eisdem (Anglice, '*haue forborne the same*'), a praedicto decimo die Julii, anno quinto supradicto, per praedictum spatium, videlicet, sex mensium ex tunc proximo sequentium, contra tenorem cujusdam Statuti apud Westmonasterium, in comitatu Middlesexiae, anno regni 10 nuper Dominae Reginae Elizabethae, nuper Reginae Angliae, etc., primo, pro uniformitate communis precationis, ac contra formam Statuti anno regni dictae nuper Reginae Elizabethae vicesimo tertio in hujusmodi casu editi et provisi, in dicti Domini Regis nunc et legum suarum<sup>2</sup> contemptum manifestum, necnon contra pacem dicti 15 Domini Regis, coronam et dignitatem suas,<sup>3</sup> etc. 76, ro. 39.

1633.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Ad Generalem Sessionem Pacis ibidem tentam apud Guihald ejusdem villae die Lunae, sexto die Maii, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli, Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Regis, Fidei Defensoris, etc., nono,<sup>4</sup> coram Willelmo<sup>5</sup> 20 Gregorie, Majore villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, Willelmo F[lettcher], armigero, Recordatore, Ricardo<sup>6</sup> Parker, Leonardo Nixe, Roberto Sherwin, Roberto Parker, Johanne James, et Alexandro Staples, Aldermannis et Justiciariis dicti Domini Regis ad pacem infra Comitatum villae praedictae conservandam, necnon Justiciariis 25 ejusdem Domini Regis ad diversas felonias, transgressiones, et alia malefacta in Comitatu villae praedictae perpetrata audienda et terminanda assignatis, etc., per sacramentum Henrici P . . . ,<sup>7</sup> Willelmi James, Edwardi Morrice, Gabrielis Bateman, Willelmi Littlefare, Roberti Egginton, Roberti Harris, Willelmi Frost, Willelmi . . . ,<sup>7</sup> 30 Willelmi Drewrie, Ricardi<sup>8</sup> Hodgkin, Georgii Rose, Josephi Winfield, Ricardi<sup>8</sup> East, Edwardi Mabbott, Humfredi<sup>9</sup> Robertts, Jacobi . . . ,<sup>7</sup> Johannis Greaves, Willelmi Perrie, Roberti Bate, et Johannis Cooper, comparet et praesentatum existit, quod quidam Robertus Heald, de

<sup>1</sup> *sexdecim*,] 'sexdecem,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *suarum*,] 'suor', MS.

<sup>3</sup> *suas*,] 'suïs,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> Monday, May 6, 1633.

<sup>5</sup> *Willelmo*,] 'Willi'mo,' MS.

<sup>6</sup> *Ricardo*,] 'Richardo,' MS.

sixteen years and upwards, have not repaired (in English, '*haue nott repayred*'), to their parish churches within the town of Nottingham aforesaid, nor to any other church, chapel, or usual place of common prayer, nor have they been there at the time of common prayer at  
 5 any time within six months next following the aforesaid tenth day of July, in the fifth year abovesaid, but have kept away from the same (in English, '*haue forborne the same*'), from the aforesaid tenth day of July, in the fifth year abovesaid, for the aforesaid space, to wit, of six months then next following, against the tenor of a certain Statute  
 10 at Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, in the first year of the reign of the late Lady Queen Elizabeth, late Queen of England, etc., for the uniformity of common prayer, and against the form of the Statute, in the twenty-third year of the reign of the said late Queen Elizabeth in such case issued and provided, in manifest contempt of  
 15 the said present Lord King and his laws, as well as against the peace of the said Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc. 76, ro. 39.

1633.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—At the General Sessions of the Peace there holden at the Guildhall of the said town on Monday, the sixth day of May, in the ninth year of the reign of our Lord  
 20 Charles, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.,<sup>4</sup> before William Gregory, Mayor of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, William F[letcher], esquire, Recorder, Richard Parker, Leonard Nix, Robert Sherwin, Robert Parker, John James, and Alexander Staples, Aldermen, and Justices of the said Lord  
 25 King, appointed to keep the peace within the County of the town aforesaid, as well as Justices of the same Lord King [appointed] to hear and determine divers felonies, trespasses, and other misdeeds perpetrated in the County of the town aforesaid, etc., by the oath of Henry P . . . ,<sup>7</sup> William James, Edward Morrice, Gabriel Bateman,  
 30 William Littlefare, Robert Egginton, Robert Harris, William Frost, William . . . ,<sup>7</sup> William Drewry, Richard Hodgkin, George Rose, Joseph Winfield, Richard East, Edward Mabbott, Humphrey Roberts, James . . . ,<sup>7</sup> John Greaves, William Perrie, Robert Bate, and John Cooper, it appears and is presented, that one Robert Heald, of the  
 35 town of Nottingham, [in the County of the town<sup>7</sup>] of Nottingham,

<sup>7</sup> MS. torn. The original presentment is on thin paper, much decayed.

<sup>8</sup> *Ricardi*,] '*Richardi*,' MS.

<sup>9</sup> *Humfredi*,] '*Homfridi*,' MS.

villa Nottinghamiae [in Comitatu villae<sup>1</sup>] Nottinghamiae, *Tanner*, secundo die Maii, anno regni Regis Caroli nunc Angliae, etc., nono,<sup>2</sup> apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, in Comitatu ejusdem villae, implevit parcellam unius putei Magni Turni (Anglice, vocati '*a Midletorne hole*'),<sup>3</sup> et quendam lapidem vocatum '*Mearstone*,'<sup>4</sup> in 5 puteo praedicto stantem, removit,<sup>5</sup> et extra puteum praedictum imposuit super *le pinder's fee*; ad magnum nocumentum villae praedictae, et contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, etc.

Super quo, ex parte dicti Domini Regis nunc praeceptum est Vicecomitibus<sup>6</sup> villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, quod non omittant,<sup>10</sup> etc., quin venire faciant coram Justiciariis dicti Domini Regis, etc., ad proximam Generalem Sessionem Pacis dicti Domini Regis, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam pro Comitatu ejusdem villae tenendam, praedictum Robertum Heald, ad respondendum dicto Domino Regi de et super praemissis, etc. 15

Ad quam diem, scilicet, ad Generalem Sessionem Pacis dicti Domini Regis tentam apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam pro Comitatu ejusdem villae decimo quinto die Julii, anno nono dicti Domini Regis nunc Angliae, etc.,<sup>7</sup> coram praefatis Willelmo Gregoric, Majore villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, Willelmo Fletcher, armigero, 20 Recordatore, et aliis Justiciariis suprascriptis, Justiciariis dicti Domini Regis, etc., venit praedictus Robertus Heald in propria persona sua, et defendit vim et injuriam, quando, etc.; et petit auditum praesentamentae<sup>8</sup> praedictae, et ei legitur, etc. Qua lecta et audita, praedictus Robertus Heald dicit quod ipse in nullo est culpabilis de 25 praemissis in praesentamenta praedicta specificatis modo et forma prout per praedictam praesentamentam superius supponitur; et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Et Robertus Greaves, Clericus pacis, qui pro dicto Domino Rege in hac parte sequitur, similiter, etc. Ideo venit, inde juratus, etc. Et praeceptum est Vicecomiti<sup>9</sup> villae Not- 30 tinghamiae praedictae quod non omittat, etc., quin venire faciat coram Justiciariis dicti Domini Regis, etc., ad Generalem Sessionem Pacis hic apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam pro Comitatu ejusdem villae tenendam die Lunae, septimo die Octobris proximo futuri,

<sup>1</sup> MS. torn. See note 7, page 9.

<sup>2</sup> Thursday, May 2, 1633.

<sup>3</sup> The 'holes' were gaps in hedges, etc., through which the Middletern Jury passed in perambulating the borough boundaries.

<sup>4</sup> mearstone or merestone = boundary stone (AS. 'ge-mære,' a boundary). See *Records*, Vol. IV., p. 189.

<sup>5</sup> *removit*,] 'remouavit,' MS.

tanner, on the second day of May, in the ninth year of the reign of Charles the present King of England, etc.,<sup>2</sup> at the town of Nottingham aforesaid in the County of the same town, did fill up part of a hole of the Great Turn (in English called '*a Midletorne hole*'),<sup>3</sup> and  
 5 did remove a certain stone called '*Mearstone*,'<sup>4</sup> standing in the hole aforesaid, and did place [it] outside the hole aforesaid upon the Pinder's Fee, to the great damage of the town aforesaid, and against the peace of the said present Lord King, etc.

Whereupon, on the part of the said present Lord King, it is  
 10 enjoined to the Sheriffs of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, that they fail not, etc., but that they cause the aforesaid Robert Heald to come before the Justices of the said Lord King, etc., at the next General Sessions of the Peace of the said Lord King, to be holden  
 15 at the town of Nottingham aforesaid for the County of the same town, to answer to the said Lord King of and upon the premises, etc.

At which day, namely, at the General Sessions of the Peace of the said Lord King holden at the town of Nottingham aforesaid for the County of the same town, on the fifteenth day of July, in the ninth year of the said present Lord King of England, etc.,<sup>7</sup> the afore-  
 20 said Robert Heald comes in his own proper person before the aforesaid William Gregory, Mayor of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, William Fletcher, esquire, Recorder, and the other Justices above-written, Justices of the said Lord King, etc., and defends the force and injury, since, etc., and requests to hear the presentment aforesaid,  
 25 and it is read to him, etc. The which having been read and heard, the aforesaid Robert Heald says that he is in nowise guilty of the premises specified in the presentment aforesaid, in manner and form as by the aforesaid presentment is above set down; and of this he puts himself upon the country. And Robert Greaves, Clerk of the  
 30 Peace, who prosecutes for the said Lord King in this behalf, likewise, etc. Therefore he comes, then [is] sworn, etc. And it is commanded to the Sheriff<sup>9</sup> of the town of Nottingham aforesaid that he fail not, etc., but that he cause to come before the Justices of the said Lord King, etc., at the General Sessions of the Peace to be holden here  
 35 at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, for the County of the same town, on Monday, the seventh day of October next to be, twelve, etc.,

<sup>6</sup> *Viccomitibus*,] '*Viccomitibus*,' MS.

<sup>7</sup> Monday, July 15, 1633.

<sup>8</sup> '*Præsentamentum*' would seem to be

a better form for the singular, but the MS. has been adhered to throughout.

<sup>9</sup> In the singular in the MS.

duodecim,<sup>1</sup> etc., per quos, etc., et qui nec, etc., ad recognoscendum, etc., quia tam, etc.<sup>2</sup> Idem dies datus est tam praedicto Roberto Greaves quam Roberto Heald, hic, etc.

Willelmus Crofts, Carolus Moreley, jurati pro Domino Rege, 7<sup>o</sup> Octobris, 1633. 5

Juratores dicunt, quoad implendum *le Middleton hole*, pro Rege; et quoad removendum *le Mearston* dicunt, quod Defendens non est culpabilis.

*Fyned by the Sessions at vs.*

Per Maister Parker, Maister Parker, seniore, Maister Recorder, 10  
Maister Nixe, Maister James. 7<sup>o</sup> Octobris, 1633.

82, ro. 13.

IV.—*Deed-Poll reciting the Charter of King John, which exempts the Burgesses from Payment of Toll, and requiring that William Nix and others be allowed to pass toll-free.*

1634, September 6.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc praesens scriptum pervenerit, Major et Burgenses villae Nottinghamiae, salutem. 15

Sciatis quod inter ceteras exonerationes, acquietantias, libertates, et privilegia nobis et antecessoribus nostris Burgensibus villae Nottinghamiae per nuper Reges Angliae Henricum Primum et Henricum Secundum concessa, donata, et confirmata, ac postea per nuper<sup>3</sup> Regem Angliae Johannem per litteras suas patentes magno sigillo 20 suo Angliae sigillatas, gerentes datam apud Clipston decimo nono die Martii, anno regni sui primo, similiter concessa, donata, et confirmata inter cetera, continetur sic:

‘Johannes, Dei gratia Rex Angliae, Dominus Hiberniae, Dux Normanniae et Aquitanniae,<sup>4</sup> [et] Comes Andegaviae, archiepiscopis, 25 episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus,<sup>5</sup> baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis totius Angliae, salutem.

‘Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac carta<sup>6</sup> nostra confirmasse, Burgensibus de Nottingham omnes illas liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis, proavi nostri, et tempore Regis Henrici 30

<sup>1</sup> *duodecim*,] ‘duodecem,’ MS.

<sup>2</sup> These phrases are abbreviations of the writ of *Venire Facias*, of which see

copy in Glossary to *Records*, Vol. II., p. 473.

<sup>3</sup> ‘nuper per,’ MS.

by whom, etc., and who neither, etc., to recognize, etc., because so, etc.<sup>2</sup> The same day is given as well to the aforesaid Robert Greaves as to Robert Heald, here, etc.

William Crofts, Charles Morley, sworn for the Lord King,  
5 7 October, 1633.

The jurors say, with respect to filling the Middleton hole, for the King; and with respect to removing the Mearstone, they say that the Defendant is not guilty.

Fyned by the Sessions at vs.

10 By Maister Parker, Maister Parker the elder, Maister Recorder, Maister Nix, Maister James.

7 October, 1633.

82, ro. 13.

IV.—*Deed-Poll reciting the Charter of King John, which exempts the Burgesses from Payment of Toll, and requiring that William Nix and others be allowed to pass toll-free.*

1634, September 6.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—To all the faithful subjects of Christ to whom this present writing shall come, the Mayor and  
15 Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, greeting.

Know ye, that among other exonérations, acquittances, liberties, and privileges granted, vouchsafed, and confirmed to us and our ancestors, Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, by the late Kings of England, Henry the First and Henry the Second, and afterwards  
20 likewise among the rest granted, vouchsafed, and confirmed by John, sometime King of England, by his letters patent, sealed with his great seal of England, bearing date at Clipston the nineteenth day of March, in the first year of his reign, there is contained as follows:

'John, by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland,  
25 Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, [and] Earl of Anjou, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justiciaries, sheriffs, and all his bailiffs and faithful subjects of all England, greeting.

'Know ye that we have granted, and by this our charter confirmed, to the Burgesses of Nottingham, all those free customs which they  
30 had in the time of King Henry, our great-grandfather, and in the time of King Henry, our father, as the charter of the same Henry

<sup>4</sup> *Aquitanniae*,] 'Acquietan,' MS.

<sup>6</sup> *carta*,] 'charta,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> *comitibus*,] 'comitibus,' MS.

patris nostri, sicut carta<sup>1</sup> ejusdem Henrici, patris nostri, testatur ; scilicet, *Thol*<sup>2</sup> et *Theam*, et *Infangenetheof*, et *Tholonea*<sup>3</sup> a Thurmodeston' usque ad Newarke, et de omnibus Trentham transeuntibus, et ex altera parte a duito<sup>4</sup> ultra Rempston usque ad aquam de Radford in Nord', et de Byckerdyke ; et quod iter de Trent liberum 5 esse debet navigantibus quantum pertica una obtinebit ex utraque parte fili aquae ; praeterea concessimus etiam de proprio dono nostro, et hac carta<sup>1</sup> nostra confirmavimus, eisdem liberis Burgensibus nostris quod ipsi quieti sint<sup>5</sup> de *Tholonea*<sup>6</sup> per totam terram nostram, infra nundinas et extra ; et prohibemus, ne quis contra hanc cartam<sup>7</sup> 10 nostram praedictos Burgenses vexare praesumat in aliquo, super decem libras<sup>8</sup> forisfacti, etc.'

Quas quidem concessionem, donationem, libertatem, et privilegia Dominus noster Carolus, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., per litteras suas patentes magno 15 sigillo suo Angliae sigillatas, gerentes datam apud Westmonasterium octavo die Decembris, anno regni sui secundo, Majori et Burgensibus villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, et successoribus suis, concessit, confirmavit, acceptavit, approbavit, et ratificavit, prout tenore earundem litterarum patentium dicti Domini Regis nunc inter alia plene 20 apparet.

<sup>9</sup>Vos, igitur, rogamus et requirimus per praesentes, quod Willelmum<sup>10</sup> Nixe, unum<sup>11</sup> Aldermannorum villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, Ricardum<sup>12</sup> East, Willelmum Price, David Nixe, Edwardum Whittington, Willelmum Peake, et Henricum James, *fishmongers* et *iron-* 25 *mongers*, et Burgenses villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, et eorum quemlibet, et omnes et singulas res suas ac bona et mercandisia sua aut alicujus eorum, libera et quieti ab omni *Theolonio*,<sup>13</sup> *Thol*,<sup>14</sup> *Infangenetheof*, et *Theam*, sine interruptione aut impedimento quibuscunque abire et redire, emere, vendere, cariare, transportare, capere, et uti 30 pacifice permittatis.

In cujus rei testimonium ego Robertus Parker, modo Major villae Nottinghamiae praedictae sigillum officii Majoratus villae praedictae praesentibus apponi feci.

<sup>1</sup> *carta*,] 'charta,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *Thol*,] 'theol,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> *Tholonea*,] 'theolonea,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> *duito*,] 'dunto,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> *sint*,] 'sunt,' MS.

<sup>6</sup> *Tholonea*,] 'Theoloneo,' MS.

<sup>7</sup> *cartam*,] 'charta,' MS.

<sup>8</sup> *libras*,] 'libris,' MS.

<sup>9</sup> The grammar and construction of this clause are very much at fault ; but it

our father, witnesses, to wit, *Thol*<sup>2</sup> and *Theam*, and *Infangenetheof*, and *Tholonea*<sup>3</sup> from Thrumpton to Newark, and of all things passing the Trent, and on the other side from the brook beyond Rempston to the water of Retford in the North, and from Byckerdyke; and  
 5 that the passage of the Trent ought to be free to navigators as far as one perch shall extend on either side of the mid-stream; moreover, we have granted also of our own gift, and by this our charter have confirmed, to the same our free Burgesses, that they shall be quit of *Tholonea*<sup>6</sup> throughout the whole of our land, within fairs and without;  
 10 and we forbid that anyone presume to vex the aforesaid Burgesses in anything against this our charter, on pain of ten marks to be forfeited, etc.'

The which grants, gifts, liberties, and privileges our Lord Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland,  
 15 King, Defender of the Faith, etc., did by his letters patent, sealed with his great seal of England, bearing date at Westminster the eighth day of December, in the second year of his reign, grant, confirm, accept, approve, and ratify to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and to their successors, as by the  
 20 tenor of the same letters patent of the said present Lord King, among other things fully appears.

<sup>9</sup>We, therefore, by these presents ask and require you that you will permit William Nix, one of the Aldermen of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, Richard East, William Price, David Nix,  
 25 Edward Whittington, William Peake, and Henry James, fishmongers and ironmongers, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and any one of them, and all and singular the things of them, and goods and merchandise of them, or any one of them, to depart and return, buy, sell, carry, remove, take and use peacefully, free and  
 30 clear from all *Thecolonium*, *Thol*,<sup>11</sup> *Infangenetheof*, and *Theam*, without interruption or impediment whatsoever.

In witness whereof, I, Robert Parker, the present Mayor of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, have caused the seal of the office of Mayoralty of the town aforesaid to be put to these presents.

has not been thought advisable to recast it, as the meaning is sufficiently clear.

<sup>10</sup> *Willelmum*,] 'Will'm's,' MS. All the names which follow are likewise in the nominative.

<sup>11</sup> *unum*,] 'unius,' MS.

<sup>12</sup> *Ricardum*,] 'Richardus,' MS.

<sup>13</sup> *theolonio*,] 'theoloneo,' MS.

<sup>14</sup> *thol*,] 'theo,' MS.

Datum apud Guihald villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, sexto die Septembris, anno regni dicti Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., decimo, 1634.

Rob't Parker, Maior.

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V.—*Exemplification of that part of the Doomsday Book which relates to Nottingham.*

1635, June 15.

CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae 5  
Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., omnibus ad quos praesentes literae nostrae pervenerint, salutem.

Inspeximus librum vocatum '*Doomesday*' in Thesaurario Receptae Scaccarii nostri, sub custodia Commissionariorum pro executione officii Thesaurarii et Camerarii nostrorum ibidem remanentem, in quo 10  
quidem libro, inter alia, continetur, ut sequitur:—

'Snotingham, Scire:—In burgo Snotingeham fuere tempore Regis Edwardi<sup>1</sup> clxxiii. burgenses et xix. villani.<sup>2</sup> Ad hunc burgum adjacent vi. carucatae<sup>3</sup> terrae ad gildam Regis, et unum pratum et silvae minutae<sup>4</sup> vi. quarantenas longae et v. latae. Haec terra partita 15  
fuit inter xxxviii. burgenses, et de censu terrae et operibus burgensium reddit lxxv. solidos et vii. denarios, et de duobus monetariis xl. solidos. Inibi habuit Comes Tosti<sup>5</sup> i carucatam terrae, de cujus terrae soca habebat Rex duos denarios, et ipse Comes tertiam. Hugo, Vicecomes, filius Baldrici, invenit cxxxvi. homines manentes: modo 20  
sunt sexdecim minus. Ipse tamen Hugo in terra comitis in novo burgo statuit xxx. domos, quae antea non fuerant, apponens eas in censu veteris burgi.

'In Snotingeham est una ecclesia in dominio regis, in qua jacent iii. mansiones burgi et v. bovatae terrae de supra-dictis sex carucatis, 25  
cum saca et soca,<sup>6</sup> et ad eandem ecclesiam pertinent v. acrae terrae et dimidia, de qua<sup>7</sup> rex habet sacram et socam. Burgenses habent vi. carucas terrae ad arandum, et xx. bordarios et xiiii.<sup>8</sup> carucas. In aqua Trentae soliti erant piscari, et modo querelam faciunt eo

<sup>1</sup> Edward the Confessor.

<sup>2</sup> villani=villeins, *i.e.*, serfs or bondmen.

<sup>3</sup> *carucatae*, *carves*; see Glossary.

<sup>4</sup> *silva minuta* = *silva caedua*, *bois taillis* (wood fit for cutting, copse or

coppice). Bailey who, like Deering, translates the words '*silvae minutae*' literally as '*small woods*,' supposes the Nottingham Coppice to be meant.

<sup>5</sup> King Harold's brother.

Given at the Guildhall of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, on the sixth day of September, in the tenth year of the reign of our said Lord Charles, the present King of England, etc., 1634.

Rob't Parker, Mayor.

4664.

V.—*Exemplification of that part of the Domesday Book which relates to Nottingham.*

1635, June 15.

5 CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to all to whom our present letters shall come, greeting.

We have inspected the book called '*Doomesday*,' in the Treasury of the Receipt of our Exchequer, under the care of the Commis-  
10 sioners for the execution of the office of our Treasurer and Chamberlain there remaining, in which book, among other things, is contained as follows :—

'Snotingham, To wit :—In the borough of Snotingeham there were in King Edward's<sup>1</sup> time, clxxiii. burgesses and xix. villeins.<sup>2</sup>  
15 To this borough appertain vi. carves<sup>3</sup> of land for the king's revenue, and one meadow and copses,<sup>4</sup> vi. furlongs long and v. broad. This land was divided among xxxviii. burgesses, and of the rent of the land and the works of the burgesses yields lxxv. shillings and vii. pence, and from two moneyers xl. shillings. Earl Tosti<sup>5</sup> had therein  
20 i. carve of land, of the soc of which land the king used to have two pence, and the Earl himself the third. The Sheriff, Hugh Fitz-Baldric, found cxxxvi. men residing [there]: now there are sixteen less. The said Hugh, moreover, erected on the Earl's land in the new borough xxx. dwellings, which before were not, putting them in  
25 the census of the old borough.

'In Snotingeham there is one church in the king's demesne, wherein are situate iii. dwelling-houses of the borough, and v. oxgangs of land of the abovesaid six carves, with sac and soc,<sup>6</sup> and to the same church belong v. acres and a half of land, whereof the king hath sac  
30 and soc. The Burgesses have vi. carves of land for ploughing, and xx. boors and xiiii.<sup>8</sup> ploughs. They were wont to fish in the water of

<sup>6</sup> *saca et soca*=sac and soc; see Glossary for explanation of these words.

<sup>7</sup> '*de qua*,' i.e. '*de qua terra*,' 'of which land.'

<sup>8</sup> Deering, in his partial transcript of this document in *Nottinghamia Vetust et Nova*, ed. 1751, p. 289, has 'xiii. carucas.'

quod piscari prohibentur. In tempore Regis Edwardi reddebat Snotingham xviii. libras, modo xxx. libras et x. libras de moneta.

‘Rogerus de Busli habet in Snotingham iii. mansiones, in quibus sedent xi. domus reddentes iiii. solidos et vii. denarios.

‘Willelmus<sup>1</sup> Pevrel habet xlviii. domos mercatorum reddentes 5 xxxvi. solidos, et xii. domos equitum et viii. bordarios.

‘Radulfus de Burun habet xiii. domos equitum; in una harum manet unus mercator.

‘Gilbertus iiii. domos.

‘Radulfus filius Huberti habet xi. domos; in his manent iii. 10 mercatores.

‘Goisfridus Alselin habet xxi. domos, et Accardus<sup>2</sup> Presbyter ii<sup>as</sup> 3 domos.

‘In crofta Presbyteri sunt lxv. domus, et in his habet rex sacam et socam. Ecclesia, cum omnibus quae ad eam pertinent, valet per 15 annum centum solidos.

‘Ricardus Frelle<sup>4</sup> habet iiii. domos.

‘In fossato burgi sunt xvii. domus, et aliae vi. domus.

‘Willelmo Peverel concessit rex x. acras terrae ad faciendum pomerium.

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‘In Snotingeham habuit Rex Edwardus i. carucatam terrae cum gilda terrae ii. carucatarum; ibi habet modo rex xi. villanos habentes iiii. carucatas et xii. acras<sup>5</sup> prati, in dominio nihil.<sup>6</sup>

‘Tempore Regis Edwardi valuit iii. libras, modo similes.

‘In Snotingeham aqua Trentae et fossa et via versus Eboracum 25 custodiuntur, ita ut siquis impedierit transitum navium, et siquis araverit, vel fossam fecerit in via regis infra duas perticas, emendare habet per viii. libras.’

Quae omnia et singula praemissa ad instantiam et requisitionem dilectorum et fideliorum nostrorum Majoris et Burgensium villae 30 Nottinghamiae duximus exemplificanda, per praesentes sub sigillo Scaccarii nostri.

In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

<sup>1</sup> *Willelmus*,] ‘Willi,’ MS.

<sup>2</sup> *Accardus*, so MS. But ‘Aitardus’ in a printed copy of the Domesday Book, in the Nottingham Free Library, and Deering has ‘Arcardus,’ and Bailey ‘Acadus.’

<sup>3</sup> ii<sup>as</sup> = duas.

<sup>4</sup> *Frelle*, so MS., and Deering, but ‘Tresle’ in Bailey’s *Annals*, and ‘Fresle’ in the above-mentioned copy of the Domesday Book.

the Trent, and now they make complaint because they are hindered from fishing. In King Edward's time Snotingham used to pay xviii. pounds, now xxx. pounds and x. pounds of the Mint.

'Roger de Busli hath in Snotingham iii. mansions, in which are  
5 seated xi. houses, yielding iiiii. shillings and vii. pence.

'William Peverel hath xlviii. merchants' houses, rendering xxxvi. shillings, and xii. knights' houses, and viii. boors.

'Ralph de Burun hath xiii. houses of knights; in one of these dwells one merchant.

10 'Gilbert iiiii. houses.

'Ralph Fitz-Hubert hath xi. houses; in these abide iii. merchants.

'Goisfrid [de] Alselin hath xxi. houses, and Accardus<sup>2</sup> the Priest  
ii. houses.

'In the croft of the Priest are lxv. houses, and in these the king  
15 hath sac and soc. The church, with all the things that pertain to it, is of the value of one hundred shillings per annum.

'Richard Frelle<sup>4</sup> hath iiiii. houses.

'In the ditch of the borough there are xvii. houses, and other six houses.

20 'The king granted to William Peverel x. acres of land for making an orchard.

'King Edward had in Snotingeham i. carve of land with the revenue of ii. carves of land; the present king hath xi. villeins there possessing iiiii. carves and xii. acres of meadow: in [his] demesne  
25 nothing.

'In King Edward's time it was worth iii. pounds, now the like.

'In Snotingeham the water of the Trent and the ditch and road to York are protected, so that if anyone shall obstruct the passage of vessels, and if anyone shall plough or make a trench within two  
30 perches of the king's highway, he hath to make amends by viii. pounds.'

The which premises all and singular we have by [these] presents under the seal of our Court of Exchequer, caused to be exemplified at the instance and request of our beloved and faithful Mayor and  
35 Burgesses of the town of Nottingham.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

<sup>5</sup> Deering here inserts the word 'terrae.'

<sup>6</sup> *nihil*,] 'nichil,' MS.

Teste praedilecto et fideli Consiliario nostro Franco domino Cottington, Cancellario et Sub-Thesaurario Scaccarii nostri.

Datum apud Westmonasterium xv<sup>o</sup> die Junii, anno regni nostri undecimo.

Exemplificatum per Scipionem le Squyre pro camerario.

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In custodia Receptoris Scaccarii xv<sup>o</sup> Junii, 1635.

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# VI.—*Extracts from the Presentments at the Sessions.*

1636, October. Per orientem.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet :—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod cum in Statuto in Parlamento nuper Dominac nostrae Elizabethae nuper Reginae Angliae, etc., tentato apud Westmonasterium in Comitatu Middlesexiae duodecimo <sup>10</sup> die Januarii, anno regni sui quinto, edito, inter alia, inactitatum fuit, autoritate ejusdem Parliamenti, quod post primum diem Maii extunc proximo sequentem, non fuerit licitum alicui personae, seu aliquibus personis, aliis quam talibus tempore editionis Statuti praedicti, videlicet, praedicto duodecimo die Januarii, anno quinto supra- <sup>15</sup> dicto, legitime<sup>1</sup> utentibus seu exercentibus aliquam artem, misteram,<sup>2</sup> sive manulem occupationem, erigere, occupare, uti, aut exercere aliquam artem, misteram seu occupationem (Anglice, ‘*crafte, misterie, or occupation*’), tunc usitatam et occupatam infra regnum Angliae aut Walliae, sinon quod ille educatus fuisset tanquam apprenticius in <sup>20</sup> eadem arte aut occupatione per spatium septem annorum ad minus, modo et forma in eodem Statuto contentis, sub poena forisfacturae, pro quolibet mense quo<sup>3</sup> quaelibet persona voluntarie offendens et faciens in contrarium, summae<sup>4</sup> quadraginta solidorum, prout in eodem Statuto continetur : quidam tamen Thomas Woolley, senior, <sup>25</sup> de villa Nottinghamiae, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *ropemaker*, Statutum praedictum minime ponderans, nec poenam in eodem Statuto verens, tempore editionis Statuti praedicti, videlicet, praedicto duodecimo die Januarii, anno quinto supradicto, legitime<sup>1</sup> non utens seu exercens artem sive misteram salinarii (Anglice, ‘*of a* <sup>30</sup> *sallter*’), nec unquam existens educatus tanquam apprenticius in arte sive mistera [salinarii], (Anglice, ‘*of a sallter*’), per spatium septem

<sup>1</sup> *legitime*,] ‘*legitime*,’ MS.

<sup>3</sup> *quo*,] ‘*que*,’ MS.

<sup>2</sup> *mistera* or *misterium* = *ministerium*.

Witness our well-beloved and trusty Counsellor Frank Lord Cottington, Chancellor and Sub-Treasurer of our Exchequer.

Given at Westminster the xv<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the eleventh year of our reign.

5 Exemplified by Scipio le Squyre, Deputy-Chamberlain.

In the custody of the Receiver of the Exchequer xv<sup>th</sup> June, 1635.

4665.

VI.—*Extracts from the Presentments at the Sessions.*

1636, October. By the east.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that whereas it was enacted among other  
 10 things, in the Statute issued in the Parliament of our late Lady Elizabeth, late Queen of England, etc., holden at Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of January, in the fifth year of her reign, by the authority of the same Parliament, that, after the first day of May then next following, it should not be lawful for any  
 15 person, or for any persons, other than such as those at the time of the issue of the Statute aforesaid, to wit, on the aforesaid twelfth day of January, in the abovesaid fifth year, lawfully using or exercising any craft, mistery, or manual occupation, to set up, occupy, use, or exercise any craft, mistery, or occupation (in English, ‘*craftē, misterie,*  
 20 *or occupation*’), then used and occupied within the realm of England or Wales, unless he should have been educated as an apprentice in the same craft or occupation for the space of seven years at the least, in the manner and form contained in the same Statute, upon pain of forfeiture, for every month in which every person wilfully offending and  
 25 acting in contravention, of the sum of forty shillings, as in the same Statute is contained: nevertheless, one Thomas Woolley, the elder, of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham, ropemaker, not at all regarding the Statute aforesaid, nor fearing the penalty in the same Statute, [he] not at the time of issue  
 30 of the Statute aforesaid, to wit, the aforesaid twelfth day of January, in the fifth year abovesaid, lawfully using or exercising the craft or mistery of a drysalter (in English, ‘*of a sallter*’), nor ever having been educated as an apprentice, in the craft or mistery [of a drysalter], (in English, ‘*of a sallter*’), for the space of seven years, in

<sup>4</sup> *summae*,] ‘summa,’ MS. In the remainder of this clause, the MS. is strictly followed.

annorum, modo et forma prout in eodem Statuto continetur, hic apud villam Nottinghamiae in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, post praedictum primum diem Maii, anno quinto supradicto, usus fuit, exercuit, et occupavit artem, misterium, et occupationem salinarii (Anglice, '*of a sallter*'), in vendendo picum, pensum, ferrum, ross-  
inum,<sup>1</sup> lupulum, saponem, et turbasem (Anglice, '*pittch, flax, iron, rosin, hopps, soape, and starch*'), et alia merchandisia, videlicet, a  
quarto die Novembris anno regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., undecimo, usque decimum diem Octobris tunc proximo  
sequentem,<sup>2</sup> videlicet, per spatium undecim<sup>3</sup> mensium; ars, mistera<sup>10</sup>  
et occupatio praedicta existens ars, mistera et occupatio dicto duodecimo die Januarii, anno quinto supradicto usitata et occupata infra dictum regnum Angliae: in dicti Domini Regis contemptum ac contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, etc., ac contra formam Statuti, etc.

David Nixe, juratus.

78, ro. 40.

1637, April.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet:—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Robertus Barley, de villa Nottinghamiae, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *laborer*, decimo quarto die Aprilis, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli, Dei gratia Angliae, 20  
Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Regis, Fidei Defensoris, etc., xiii.,<sup>4</sup> vi et armis, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, quandam<sup>5</sup> parcellam brassii (Anglice, '*a certen parcell of maulte*'), ad valentiam decem denariorum, de bonis et catallis cujusdam Walteri Edge, generosi, magistri sui, tunc et ibidem inventis, felonice furatus fuit, 25  
cepit, et asportavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatem suas, etc.; ac quod quidam Willelmus Hall, nuper de villa Nottinghamiae, in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, *laborer*, sciens praedictum Robertum Barley feloniam praedictam in forma praedicta sic fecisse et perpetrasse, eundem Robertum Barley 30  
postea, scilicet, decimo quinto die Aprilis, anno decimo tertio Domini Regis supradicto,<sup>6</sup> apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, felonice

<sup>1</sup> *rossinum*,] 'rosine,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, from Wednesday, November 4, 1635, to Monday, October 10, 1636.

<sup>3</sup> *undecim*,] 'undecem,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> Friday, April 14, 1637.

<sup>5</sup> *quandam*,] 'quoddam,' MS.

manner and form as in the same Statute is contained, here at the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, after the aforesaid first day of May, in the fifth year abovesaid, did use, exercise, and occupy the craft, mistery, and occupation of a  
 5 drysalter (in English, '*of a sallter*'), in selling pitch, flax, iron, rosin, hops, soap, and starch (in English, '*pittch, flax, iron, rosin, hopps, soape, and starch*'), and other wares, to wit, from the fourth day of November, in the eleventh year of the reign of our Lord Charles the present King of England, etc., until the tenth day of October then next  
 10 following,<sup>2</sup> that is to say, for the space of eleven months; the craft, mistery, and occupation aforesaid being a craft, mistery, and occupation used and occupied within the said realm of England, on the said twelfth day of January, in the fifth year abovesaid: in contempt of the said Lord King, and against the peace of the said present Lord  
 15 King, etc., and against the form of the Statute, etc.

David Nix, sworn,

78, ro. 40.

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1637, April.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that Robert Barley, of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham, labourer, on the  
 20 fourteenth day of April, in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.,<sup>†</sup> with force and arms, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, a certain quantity of malt (in English, '*a certen parcell of maulte*'), to the value of tenpence, of the  
 25 goods and chattels of one Walter Edge, gentleman, his master, being then and there found, feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc.; and that one William Hall, late of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, labourer,  
 30 knowing the aforesaid Robert Barley so to have committed and perpetrated the felony aforesaid in the form aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the fifteenth day of April, in the abovesaid thirteenth year of the Lord King,<sup>6</sup> at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, feloniously did

<sup>6</sup> Saturday, April 15, 1637.

hospitavit et comfortavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, etc.

Walterus Edge, juratus.

Alicia Stables, jurata<sup>1</sup>

78, ro. 88.

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1640-1, January 18.

Per orientem.

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Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet :—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Dorothea Horner, nuper de Costocke in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, *spinster*, nono die Novembris, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli, nunc Regis Angliae, etc., sexto-decimo,<sup>2</sup> vi et armis, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, quan- 10 dam<sup>3</sup> parcellam plumbi (Anglice, '*certen pewter dishes or sawcers*'), ad valentiam decem denariorum, de bonis et catallis cujusdam Georgii Hall, generosi, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam inventis, tunc et ibidem felonice furatus fuit, cepit, et asportavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatem suas, etc. 15

Willelmus Hall, juratus.

81, ro. 19.

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Per orientem.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet :—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Maria Wrighte, uxor Ricardi<sup>4</sup> Wrighte, de villa Nottinghamiae in Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, 20 *tanner*, vicesimo octavo die Octobris, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., sextodecimo,<sup>5</sup> vi et armis apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam in et super quandam<sup>6</sup> Susannam Wheately, uxorem Georgii Wheateley, de villa Nottinghamiae praedicta, *tanner*, in pace Dei et dicti Domini Regis existentem, insultum 25 fecit, et ipsam Susannam ad tunc et ibidem verberavit, vulneravit, et male tractavit, ita quod de vita ejus desperabatur, et alia enormia ei intulit, ad grave dampnum ipsius Susannae, ac contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatem suas, etc.

Susanna Wheateley.

81, ro. 20. 30

<sup>1</sup> At the foot of this presentment is the following note: 'Confessed the Indytment, and haue judgment: to be put to the House of Correction, *ut in libro ordinatum*' ('as ordered in the book').

Confessions by both Defendants are appended, Bailey or 'Barlow' alleging that he was 'persuaded' by Hall to rob his 'mistress' of more malt than Hall would admit.

harbour and comfort the same Robert Barley, against the peace of the said present Lord King, etc.

Walter Edge, sworn.

Alice Stables, sworn.<sup>1</sup>

78, ro. 88.

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1640-1, January 18.

5 By the east.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that Dorothy Horner, late of Costock, in the County of Nottingham, spinster, on the ninth day of November, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles, the present King  
10 of England, etc.,<sup>2</sup> with force and arms, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, a certain portion of pewter (in English, '*certain pewter dishes or sawcers*'), to the value of tenpence, of the goods and chattels of one George Hall, gentleman, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take, and  
15 carry away, against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc.

William Hall, sworn.

81, ro. 19.

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By the east.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King  
20 upon their oath present, that Mary Wright, wife of Richard Wright, of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the town of Nottingham, tanner, on the twenty-eighth day of October, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles the present King of England, etc.,<sup>5</sup> did, with force and arms, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid,  
25 in and upon one Susanna Wheatley, wife of George Wheatley, of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, tanner, being in the peace of God and of the said Lord King, make an assault, and did then and there beat, wound, and maltreat the said Susanna, so that her life was being despaired of, and did inflict other outrages upon her, to the grievous  
30 harm of the said Susanna, and against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc.

Susanna Wheatley.

81, ro. 20.

<sup>2</sup> Monday, November 9, 1640.

<sup>3</sup> *quandam*,] 'quendam,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> *Ricardi*,] 'Rich'i,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> Wednesday, October 28, 1640.

<sup>6</sup> *quandam*,] 'quendam,' MS.

Per orientem.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet :—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Anthonius Tillsley, de Beeston, in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, *laborer*, duodecimo die Decembris, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliae, etc., sextodecimo,<sup>1</sup> vi 5 et armis, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam, unum saccum (Anglice, '*one bagg*'), ad valentiam unius denarii, et duas mensuras frumenti (Anglice, '*twoe pecks of wheate*'), ad valentiam decem denariorum, de bonis et catallis cujusdam Willelmi Parneham, apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictam inventis, tunc et ibidem felonice<sup>10</sup> furatus fuit, cepit, et asportavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatem suas, etc.

Willelmus Parneham, juratus.

Culpatur :—*Judgment, to be sent to Saint Johnes, and there to be whipped.*

81, ro. 21. 15

VII.—<sup>2</sup> *Writs for Removing Robert Greaves from the Office of Clerk to the Statutes, and appointing a Substitute.*

1645, August 1.

*Clerico ad Statuta amovendo* :—CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., Majori et Burgensibus villae Nottinghamiae, salutem.

Quia ex Relatu accepimus plurimorum quod Robertus Greaves, nuper de villa praedicta, generosus, qui custodiam Minoris peciae<sup>20</sup> sigilli, juxta formam Statuti de<sup>3</sup> Acton Burnell editi, in eadem villa accipiendi deputati, jam habet,<sup>4</sup> in villa praedicta moram non facit, per quod ad ea quae ad officium suum pertinent in hac parte facienda, intendere non potest, in mercatorum et aliorum ad dictam villam confluentium dispendium non modicum et gravamen :

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Vobis mandamus quod si ita est, tunc ipsum Robertum ab officio illo sine dilatione amoveri faciatis. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, primo die Augusti, anno regni nostri vicesimo primo.

Watson.

3419, p. 45. 30

<sup>1</sup> Saturday, December 12, 1640.

<sup>2</sup> The two following have been transcribed from copies of the writs entered in the Council Book of 1644-5. The return of the latter writ electing William Flam-

stead Clerk of the Statutes was sealed September 22, 1645.

<sup>3</sup> The more usual reading is '*apud Acton Burwell editi*' ('issued at Acton Burnell').

By the east.

Town of Nottingham, to wit:—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that Anthony Tillsley, of Beeston, in the County of Nottingham, laborer, on the twelfth day of December, in 5 the sixteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles the present King of England, etc.,<sup>1</sup> with force and arms, at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, one bag (in English, '*one bagg*'), to the value of one penny, and two measures of corn (in English, '*two pecks of wheate*'), to the value of tenpence, of the goods and chattels of one William Parnham, 10 at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity, etc.

William Parnham, sworn.

He is found guilty:—Judgment, to be sent to Saint John's, and 15 there to be whipped. 81, ro. 21.

VII.—<sup>2</sup> *Writs for Removing Robert Greaves from the Office of Clerk to the Statutes, and appointing a Substitute.*

1645, August 1.

*Removing the Clerk to the Statutes:*—CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, greeting.

20 Forasmuch as we have understood from the report of very many that Robert Greaves, late of the town aforesaid, gentleman, who now has the custody of the lesser piece of the seal,<sup>4</sup> according to the form of the Statute issued from<sup>3</sup> Acton Burnell, appointed to be received in the same town, makes not abode in the town aforesaid, whereby 25 he is not able to attend to those matters which to his office pertain in this behalf to be done, to the no little expense and injury of merchants and others resorting to the said town:

We command you that if so it is, then you cause the said Robert to be removed, without delay from that office. Witness myself at 30 Westminster, the first day of August, in the twenty-first year of our reign.

Watson.

3419, fo. 45.

<sup>4</sup> The other piece was with the Mayor. See Introduction to the present volume. For the full official style of the Clerk of the Statutes, see Vol. III., p. 434. The

King's seal was sent to twelve towns, Nottingham being one. See Introduction to Vol. I., pp. xv.-xvi.

1645, August 5.

*Clerico ad Statuta eligendo*:—CAROLUS, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., Majori et Burgensibus villae Nottinghamiae, salutem.

Quia ex Relatu virorum accepimus quod Robertus Greaves, nuper de villa praedicta, generosus, qui custodiam minoris peciae sigilli 5 juxta formam Statuti de<sup>1</sup> Acton Burnell editi, in eadem villa accipiendi deputati jam habet,<sup>2</sup> in villa praedicta moram non facit, per quod ad ea quae ad officium suum pertinent in hac parte facienda intendere non potest, in Mercatorum et aliorum ad dictam villam confluentium dispendium non modicum et gravamen. 10

Vobis mandamus quod si ita est, tunc loco ipsius Roberti eligi faciatis unum alium hominem de villa praedicta qui ad dictam peciam custodiendam et ad ea quae ad illam custodiam pertinent facienda melius sciat et possit intendere, et nos de nominatione illius quem sic eligeritis sub communi sigillo vestro distincte et apte sine dilatione 15 reddatis certiores, hoc breve nobis remittentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, quinto die Augusti, anno regni nostri vicesimo primo.

Watson.

3419, fo. 45.

VIII.—*Grant to George Gregory of a Fair at Lenton, on Wednesday in Whitsun Week, and for six days following.*

1663, November 9.

<sup>3</sup>Rex omnibus ad quos, etc., salutem.

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Cum per quamdam Inquisitionem de mandato nostro captam apud *le Shire Hall* in Comitatu nostro Nottinghamiae decimo sexto die Maii, anno regni nostri decimo quinto, in Curia Cancellariae nostrae certificatam, et ibidem modo de recordo remanentem, per sacramentum duodecim proborum et legalium hominum Comitatus praedictae compertum existit, quod non erit ad dampnum vel prejudicium nostrum aut aliorum, vel ad nocumentum aliquarum vicinarum nundinarum sive feriarum, si concedamus Georgio Gregorie,<sup>4</sup> generoso, haeredibus et assignatis suis, quod ipse, haeredes et assignati sui

<sup>1</sup> See note 3, p. 26.

<sup>2</sup> See note 4, p. 27.

<sup>3</sup> From a copy on paper, stated in a memorandum at the foot to have been

1645, August 5.

*Electing a Clerk to the Statutes*:—CHARLES, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, greeting.

5 Forasmuch as we have received from men's report that Robert Greaves, late of the town aforesaid, gentleman, who now has the keeping of the lesser piece of the seal,<sup>2</sup> according to the form of the Statute issued from<sup>1</sup> Acton Burnell, appointed to be received in the same town, makes not abode in the town aforesaid, whereby he is  
10 not able to apply himself to those things which to his office appertain in this behalf to be done, to the no little expense and injury of the merchants and others resorting to the said town :

We command you that if so it is, then you cause to be elected in the place of the said Robert another man of the town aforesaid, who  
15 shall be better qualified and able to attend to the keeping of the said piece, and to those matters which to that keeping pertain to be done ; and, returning this writ to us, you shall under your common seal, plainly and properly without delay, render us more assured of the nomination of him whom you shall so elect. Witness myself at  
20 Westminster, the fifth day of August, in the twenty-first year of our reign.

Watson. 3419, fo. 45.

VIII.—*Grant to George Gregory of a Fair at Lenton, on Wednesday in Whitsun Week, and for six days following.*

1663, November 9.

<sup>3</sup>The King to all to whom, etc., greeting.

Whereas by a certain Inquisition of our mandate taken at the Shire Hall, in our County of Nottingham, on the sixteenth day of  
25 May, in the fifteenth year of our reign, certified in the Court of our Chancery, and there now remaining of record, it is found by the oath of twelve approved and lawful men of the County aforesaid, that it will not be to the damage or prejudice of us or others, or to the detriment of any neighbouring fairs, if we grant to George Gregory,<sup>4</sup>  
30 gentleman, his heirs and assigns, that he, his heirs and assigns have

examined with the record in the Petty Bag Office on 24th May, 1669.

<sup>4</sup> Grandson of William Gregory : born 1638, died 1688. High Sheriff for County Notts. in 1666.

habeant et teneant unam nundinam sive feriam apud villam de Lenton in Comitatu praedicto in et super diem Mercurii in septimana festi Pentecostes, et sex dies tum proximo sequentes, annuatim imperpetuum, et ad tolmeta, Curiam Pedis Pulverizati, et proficua hujusmodi feriis usitata sibi, haeredibus, et assignatis suis percipienda, 5 prout per Inquisitionem praedictam plenarie liquet et apparet :

Sciatis modo quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, haeredibus et successoribus nostris, damus et concedimus praefato Georgio Gregory, haeredibus et assignatis suis, quod 10 ipse, haeredes et assignati sui de caetero imperpetuum habeant, teneant, et custodiant, et habere, tenere, et custodire valeant et possint, unam nundinam sive feriam quolibet anno apud villam de Lenton praedictam, in Comitatu nostro Nottinghamiae, in et super diem Mercurii in septimana festi Pentecostes et sex dies tum proximo 15 sequentes, et per totos separales dies illos respective duraturam imperpetuum, unacum Curia Pedis Pulverizati tempore feriae sive nundinae praedictae modo et forma praedictis tenenda, ac cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, tolmetis, theoloniis, stallagiis, piccagiis, finibus, amerciamentis, et omnibus aliis proficiis, 20 advantagiis et emolumentis quibuscumque ad hujusmodi ferias et Curias Pedis Pulverizati, seu ad earum<sup>1</sup> aliquam vel aliquas, aliquid spectantibus, pertinentibus, emergentibus, sive provenientibus, sive cum eisdem seu earum aliqua<sup>2</sup> usualiter habitis sive gavisis: habenda, tenenda, et gaudenda praedictam nundinam sive feriam, ac liberas 25 consuetudines, tolmeta, theolonia, stallagia, piccagia, Curiam Pedis Pulverizati, fines, amerciamenta et cetera omnia et singula praemissa superius per praesentes concessa,<sup>3</sup> seu mentionata fore concessa, praefato Georgio Gregory, haeredibus et assignatis suis, ad solum et proprium opus et usum ipsius Georgii Gregory, haeredum et assignatorum suorum, imperpetuum; et hoc absque compoto vel aliquo 30 alio nobis, haeredibus, vel successoribus nostris proinde reddendo, solvendo, vel faciendo.

Quare volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, haeredibus, et successoribus nostris, firmiter injungendo, praecipimus et mandamus quod 35 praefatus Georgius Gregory, haeredes et assignati sui, vigore praesentium, bene, libere, licite, et quiete habeant, teneant, et custodiant,<sup>4</sup> ac habere, tenere, et custodire valeant et possint imperpetuum praedictam nundinam sive feriam in et super separales dies praedictos,

and hold a fair at the town of Lenton, in the County aforesaid, in and upon Wednesday in the week of the feast of Pentecost, and six days then next following, every year for ever, and take the tolls, Court of Piepowder, and profits used in such fairs to himself, his  
 5 heirs and assigns, as by the Inquisition aforesaid fully appears and is evident :

Know ye now that we of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, have given and granted, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, do give and grant to  
 10 the aforesaid George Gregory, his heirs and assigns, that he, his heirs and assigns may for ever hereafter have, hold, and keep, and may and shall have, hold, and keep a fair every year at the town of Lenton aforesaid, in our County of Nottingham, in and upon Wednesday in the week of the feast of Pentecost and six days then next  
 15 ensuing, and to endure for all those several days respectively for ever, together with a Court of Piepowder to be holden in the time of the fair aforesaid in the manner and form aforesaid, and with all liberties and free customs, tolls, thecolonia, stallages, pickages, fines, amercements, and all other profits, advantages and emoluments whatsoever  
 20 in anywise belonging to, pertaining to, arising or coming from such fairs and Courts of Piepowder, or any one or more of them, or with the same or any one of them usually had or enjoyed : to have, hold, and enjoy the aforesaid fair, and the free customs, tolls, thecolonia, stallages, pickages, Court of Piepowder, fines, amercements and the  
 25 other premises all and singular above granted by these presents, or mentioned to be granted, to the aforesaid George Gregory, his heirs and assigns, to the sole and proper use and behoof of the said George Gregory, his heirs and assigns, for ever ; and this without rendering, paying, or making account or anything else therefor to us, our heirs,  
 30 or successors.

Wherefore we will, and do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, firmly enjoining, ordain and command that the aforesaid George Gregory, his heirs and assigns, by the force of these presents, well, freely, lawfully, and quietly shall have, hold, and keep,  
 35 and may and shall have, hold, and keep for ever the aforesaid fair in and upon the several days aforesaid, together with all and all manner

<sup>1</sup> *earum*,] 'corum,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *earum aliqua*,] 'corum aliquo,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> *concessa*,] 'concesso,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> *custodiant*,] 'custodiant,' MS.

unacum omnibus et omnimodis libertatibus, consuetudinibus,<sup>1</sup> tolnetis, et proficius inde provenientibus si[ve] cum eadem<sup>2</sup> gavisis, secundum tenorem et veram intentionem harum litterarum nostrarum patentium, absque molestatione, perturbatione, gravamine, sive contradictione nostri, haeredum vel successorum nostrorum, aut aliquorum vice- 5 comitorum, escaetorum, ballivorum, officiariorum, sive ministrorum nostrorum, haeredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque; et hoc absque aliquo [alio] warranto, brevi, vel processu a nobis, haeredibus, vel successoribus nostris imposterum in ea parte procurando aut obtinendo, eo quod expressa mentio, etc. 10

In cujus rei, etc.

Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium, novo die Novembris, anno regni nostri quinto decimo. Per breve de privato sigillo.

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IX.—*Exemplification of the Claim of the Mayor and Burgesses to the Forestal Rights, etc., and of the Allowance thereof.*

1675, September 8.

CAROLUS Secundus, Dei gratia, [Angliae], Scotiae, Franciae, et 15 Hiberniae, Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., omnibus ad quos litterae nostrae pervenerint, salutem.

Sciatis, quod inter placita Forestae nostrae de Sherwood, in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, tenta coram Willelmo, Marchione Newcastle,<sup>3</sup> Justiciario Itinerantis omnium forestarum nostrarum ultra 20 Trentam, inspeximus quoddam Clameum de Recordo ibidem remanens, tenor cujus in haec verba sequitur:—

Foresta de Sherwood, in Comitatu Nottinghamiae, Scire: Placita Forestae Domini Regis de Sherwood tenta apud Mansfield in Comi- 25 tatu Nottinghamiae, vicesimo quinto die Februarii, anno regni Domini nostri Caroli Secundi, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Regis, Fidei Defensoris, etc., quinto decimo, coram Willelmo, Marchione Newcastle et Justiciario Itinerantis omnium forestarum ultra Trentam.

Et modo ad hunc diem venerunt Major et Burgenses villae Not- 30 tinghamiae per Radulphum Edge, attornatum suum, et clamant pro se et successoribus suis habere boscos suos, vocatos '*Nottingham Coppice*,' jacentes et existentes infra metas et bundas Forestae prae-

<sup>1</sup> *consuetudinibus*,] '*consuitud*,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *eadem*,] '*eodem*,' MS.

of liberties, customs, tolls and profits thence accruing, or enjoyed with the same, according to the tenor and true intent of these our letters patent, and without molestation, perturbation, grievance, or contradiction of us, our heirs or successors, or of any sheriffs, escheators, 5 bailiffs, officers, or ministers of us, our heirs or successors whomsoever; and this without any [other] warrant, writ, or process to be hereafter procured or obtained in this behalf from us, our heirs or successors, under the pretext that express mention, etc.

In witness whereof, etc.

10 Witness the King at Westminster, the ninth day of November, in the fifteenth year of our reign. By writ of privy seal.

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CHARLES the Second, by the grace of God of [England], Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., to all to 15 whom our letters shall come, greeting.

Know ye, that among the pleas of our Forest of Sherwood, in the County of Nottingham, holden before William, Marquis of Newcastle, Justice in Eyre of all our forests beyond the Trent, we have inspected a certain Claim of Record there remaining, the tenor whereof is in 20 these words following :—

‘Forest of Sherwood, in the County of Nottingham, To wit : Pleas of the Lord King’s Forest of Sherwood, holden at Mansfield, in the County of Nottingham, on the twenty-fifth day of February, in the fifteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles the Second, by 25 God’s grace of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc., before William, Marquis of Newcastle, and Justice in Eyre of all the forests beyond the Trent.’

And now on this day have come the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham by Ralph Edge, their attorney, and claim for 30 themselves and their successors to have their woods, called ‘Nottingham Coppice,’ lying and being within the limits and bounds of the

<sup>3</sup> *Newcastle*,] the usual Latin equivalent would be ‘Novi Castri’ or ‘Novi Castellii.’

dictae; ac omnes arbores, boscos, et subboscos suos ibidem crescentes, succidere, vendere, et disponere ad libitum eorum.

Clamant etiam totam villam de Nottinghamia et terram suam, cum pertinentiis, in villa Nottinghamiae praedicta, infra libertates villae de Nottinghamia praedictae, habere et tenere, solutas et quietas de vastis, 5 assartis, et purpresturis, et de riguardo sive visu forestariorum<sup>1</sup> vel aliorum ministrorum Domini Regis Forestae praedictae, praeterquam chasionem et fugationem ferarum Forestae praedictae, per totam terram suam de Nottinghamia; ita tamen quod occasione hujusmodi libertatis Domino Regi nec haeredibus suis damnum non fiat de venatione sua. 10

Ac etiam clamant habere leporarios et canes suos infra praedictam terram de Nottingham, ad currendos et capiendos lepores et vulpes, extra coopertum Forestae praedictae.

Et pro titulo ad libertates, proficua, et privilegia praedicta habenda, iidem Major et Burgenses, per attornatum suum praedictum, 15 dicunt quod Johannes quondam Comes de Mortimer<sup>2</sup> (dum fuit Dominus Castri de Nottingham praedicta, et totius Forestae praedictae Sherwood), habens statum et potestatem concedere talia proficua, libertates, et privilegia, per Chartam suam, quam proferunt hic in Curia, dedit et concessit praedictis Burgensibus totam terram 20 suam, cum pertinentiis, de Nottingham, quietam de vastis, assartis, purpresturis, et de riguardo sive visu forestariorum, viridariorum,<sup>3</sup> regardatorum, seu aliorum ministrorum Forestae Domini Regis; et habere et tenere leporarios et canes suos apud Nottinghamiam ad currendos et capiendos lepores et vulpes extra coopertum Forestae 25 praedictae; ita tamen quod occasione hujusmodi libertatis Domino Regi, nec haeredibus suis, damnum non fiat de venatione sua.

Proferunt etiam iidem Major et Burgenses hic in Curia quandam aliam Cartam ipsius Johannis, per quam ipse idem Johannes (cum postea existisset Rex Angliae), praedictas concessionem in praedicta 30 priori Carta mentionatas, praefatis Burgensibus ratificavit et confirmavit; et praedicti Major et Burgenses dicunt, quod virtute Cartarum praedictarum, nec non virtute diversarum aliarum Cartarum diversorum aliorum Regum et Reginarum Angliae confirmationis libertatum et privilegiorum praedictorum, inter alia, eis confirmatorum et hic, in 35 Curia, consimiliter probatorum, ipsi iidem Burgenses et praedecessores sui semper huc usque a confectione Cartarum praedictarum, sine

<sup>1</sup> *Forestariorum*,] 'foristarium,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> 'Comes de Mortimer,' for 'Comes

Moretoniae,' 'Earl of Mortimer' for 'Earl of Mortain,'

Forest aforesaid ; and to cut down, sell, and dispose of, at their pleasure, all their trees, woods, and underwoods there growing.

Moreover, they claim to have and to hold the whole town of Nottingham, and its land, with the appurtenances, in the town of Nottingham aforesaid, within the liberties of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, free and quit of wastes, assarts, and purprestures, and of the regard or view of the foresters or other ministers of the Lord King of the Forest aforesaid, except the chase and pursuit of the beasts of the Forest aforesaid, throughout their whole land of Nottingham ; provided that by occasion of such liberty damage be not done to the Lord King, nor to his heirs, of his venison.

And they also claim to have their greyhounds and dogs within the aforesaid land of Nottingham, to run and take hares and foxes outside the covert of the Forest aforesaid.

And for a title to have the liberties, profits, and privileges aforesaid, the same Mayor and Burgesses, by their attorney aforesaid, say that John, sometime Earl of Mortimer<sup>2</sup> (while he was Lord of the Castle of Nottingham aforesaid, and of the whole Forest of Sherwood aforesaid), having the estate and power of granting such profits, liberties, and privileges, by his Charter, which they proffer here in the Court, gave and granted to the aforesaid Burgesses all their land, with appurtenances, of Nottingham, quit of wastes, assarts, purprestures, and of regard or view of the foresters, verderers, regards, or other ministers of the Forest of the Lord King ; and to have and hold their greyhounds and dogs at Nottingham to run and take hares and foxes beyond the covert of the Forest aforesaid ; yet so that by reason of such liberty damage be not done to the Lord King, nor to his heirs, of his venison.

The same Mayor and Burgesses also proffer here in the Court a certain other Charter of the said John, by which he the same John (when afterwards he was King of England), ratified and confirmed to the aforesaid Burgesses the aforesaid grants mentioned in the aforesaid former Charter ; and the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses say, that by virtue of the Charters aforesaid, as also by virtue of divers other Charters of divers other Kings and Queens of England of confirmation of the liberties and privileges aforesaid, confirmed to them among other things, and likewise approved here in the Court, they

<sup>3</sup> *viridarium,*] 'veridarium,' MS.

interruptione, libertatibus, proficuis, et privilegiis praedictis usi sunt et gavisi fuerunt.

Et praedicti Major et Burgenses, per attornatum suum praedictum, clamant habere imperpetuum (praeter feriam unam per octo dies ad festum Sancti Matthaei Apostoli durantem) unam aliam 5 feriam in eadem villa singulis annis per quindecim dies duraturam, videlicet, in vigilia, in die, et in crastino festi Sancti Edmundi Regis Martiris, et per duodecim dies sequentes, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi feriam pertinentibus.

Et pro titulo ad ferias praedictas, etc. [*Charter of 12th February, 10 1283-4, of Edward I. adduced, but ascribed by mistake to Edward II., who, however, confirmed it by his Charter of March 16, 1313-14; see 'Records,' Vol. I., p. 58, lines 17-23.*]

Et clamant quod nullus eorum placitet aut implacitetur coram dicto Domino Rege, etc. [*Claim not to plead out of the Borough con- 15 cerning lands, etc., in the same, unless the actions concern the Crown or the Community of the Borough; and not to be joined with foreigners in assizes, juries, etc., and that foreigners shall not be joined with them in assizes, juries, etc., concerning lands or suits in the Borough; also that no royal officer shall enter the Borough to execute writs, etc., except 20 in default of the Burgesses. Immunity from murage, pavage, stallage, and other imposts also claimed<sup>1</sup>.*]

Et pro titulo, etc. [*Charter of Edward II., of 16th March, 1313-14, adduced, etc.; see 'Records,' Vol. I., pp. 78-79, 'Praeterea, volentes eisdem Burgensibus . . . imperpetuum sint quieti'.*]

Et praedicti clamantes, per attornatum suum praedictum ulterius clamant habere returnum omnium brevium. etc. [*as in Third Charter of Henry III., April 14th, 1272. See 'Records,' Vol. I., page 52: 'Concessimus etiam eisdem Burgensibus quod imperpetuum habeant returnum brevium nostrorum . . . pertinentibus*]; ac habere gaolam, 30 etc. [*as in Charter of Edward III., May 1st, 1330; see 'Records,' Vol. I., p. 104: 'Imperpetuum habeant gaolam . . . attachiari contigerint*]. Clamant etiam habere et tenere in eodem burgo, etc. [*Claim to have Saturday Market, and acquittance of pontage, as in Charter of Edward III., May 1st, 1330; see 'Records,' Vol. I., p. 106: 35 'Imperpetuum habeant et teneant mercatum . . . imperpetuum quieti'.*]

<sup>1</sup> As these claims, and those which immediately follow are stated, with but slight variations to suit the grammar, or for

condensation, in the words of the charters on which they are based, it is thought unnecessary to print them *in extenso* here,

the same Burgesses and their predecessors have always hitherto from the making of the Charters aforesaid, used and enjoyed without interruption the liberties, profits, and privileges aforesaid.

And the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses, by their attorney aforesaid, claim to have for ever (in addition to a fair lasting for eight days at the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle), one other fair in the same town every year to endure for fifteen days, that is to say, on the eve, the day, and the morrow of the feast of Saint Edmund the King and Martyr, and for twelve days following, with all liberties and free customs to such a fair pertaining.

And for a title to the fairs aforesaid, etc. [*Charter of 12th February, 1283-4, of Edward I. adduced, etc., but ascribed by mistake to Edward II., who, however, confirmed it by his Charter of March 16th, 1313-14; see 'Records,' Vol. I., p. 59, lines 16-22.*]

And they claim that none of them shall plead or be impleaded before the said Lord King, etc. [*Claim not to plead out of the Borough concerning lands, etc., in the same, unless the actions concern the Crown or the Community of the Borough; and not to be joined with foreigners in assizes, juries, etc., and that foreigners shall not be joined with them in assizes, juries, etc., concerning lands or suits in the Borough; also that no royal officer shall enter the Borough to execute writs, etc., except in default of the Burgesses. Immunity from murage, pavage, stallage, and other imposts also claimed<sup>1</sup>.*]

And for a title, etc. [*Charter of Edward II. of 16th March, 1313-14, adduced, etc.; see 'Records,' Vol. I., pp. 79-81. 'Moreover, desiring to do a more ample favour . . . throughout our whole kingdom and our whole dominion for ever'.*]

And the aforesaid claimants, by their attorney aforesaid, further claim to have the return of all writs, etc. [*as in Third Charter of Henry III., April 14th, 1272; see 'Records,' Vol. I., p. 53: 'We have also granted to the same Burgesses that they shall have for ever the return of our writs . . . our borough of Nottingham'*]; and to have a gaol, etc. [*as in Charter of Edward III., May 1st, 1330; see 'Records,' Vol. I., p. 105: 'shall have for ever the aforesaid gaol . . . from whatever cause'*]. Moreover, they claim to have and hold in the same borough, etc.; [*claim to have Saturday Market, and acquittance of pontage, as in Charter of Edward III., May 1st, 1330; see 'Records,' Vol. I., p. 107: 'may have and hold for ever the market . . . throughout our whole kingdom and dominion'*].

Et pro titulo, etc. [*Charter of John adduced, etc., and that of Richard II., as confirming it. The first, however, does not make any of the grants in the terms of the claim; the last recites and confirms the Charter of Edward III.*].

Ac etiam iidem clamantes per attornatum suum praedictum 5  
clamant sibi et successoribus habere, etc. [*Claim to have cognizance of all pleas relating to lands, etc., in the Borough, trespasses, etc.; and of pleas of assize of tenures in the Borough; claim, moreover, to have the chattels of felons and fugitives from tenants and residents within the liberty of the town of Nottingham; and all fines and amercements, year 10  
day and waste, and other forfeitures, forfeited before any Judges whatsoever; also the return of all writs, licence to approve themselves of all purprestures and wastes, power to hear and determine all pleas pertaining to Justices of the Peace, of Labourers and Artizans (though not to determine any felony without royal licence), to have all profits from 15  
above jurisdiction, and that no arrays of men can be made without the Mayor being joined in the commission; see Charter of Henry IV., November 18th, 1399, 'Records,' Vol. II., pp. 2-10: 'Nos insuper, volentes . . . in eadem villa fiat quoque modo*].

Et pro titulo, etc. [*Charter of Henry V. adduced, etc., which merely 20  
confirms the above grants made by his father*].

Et ulterius, iidem Major et Burgenses per attornatum suum praedictum dicunt quod villa de Nottingham de Majore et Burgensibus est corporata, etc. [*Claim to have perpetual succession, and to prosecute and defend by that name all pleas, suits, actions, etc., and acquire lands, 25  
tenements, etc.; that the Borough was erected into a County, the King's Hall being excepted; claim to elect two Sheriffs; that the Mayor should be Escheator within the Borough, and the Sheriffs hold their County Courts monthly; claim to hold a Court in the Guild Hall before the Mayor and Sheriffs, with certain definite powers, and to have all the 30  
profits of such Court; claim chattels of felons and outlaws, disavowed chattels of felones de se and deodands, all amercements, ransoms, forfeited issues, and fines from the inhabitants of the borough; all fines, etc., from the sureties of any person dwelling within the borough, in whatsoever royal court they may be forfeited; and to have power to levy 35  
and receive all such fines, etc.; also to elect from themselves seven Aldermen, such Aldermen to be Justices of the Peace within the borough, etc., and to have all fines arising from such Justiceship, forfeited victuals, etc.; see Charter of Henry VI., June 28th, 1448, 'Records,'*

And for a title, etc. [*Charter of John adduced, etc., and that of Richard II., as confirming it. The first, however, does not make any of the grants in the terms of the claim; the last recites and confirms the Charter of Edward III.*].

5 And the same claimants by their attorney aforesaid also claim for themselves and their successors to have, etc. [*Claim to have cognizance of all pleas relating to lands, etc., in the Borough, trespasses, etc.; and of pleas of assize of tenures in the Borough; claim, moreover, to have the chattels of felons and fugitives from tenants and residents within*  
10 *the liberty of the town of Nottingham; and all fines and amercements, year day and waste, and other forfeitures, forfeited before any Judges whatsoever; also the return of all writs, licence to approve themselves of all purprestures and wastes, power to hear and determine all pleas pertaining to Justices of the Peace, of Labourers and Artizans (though not*  
15 *to determine any felony without royal licence), to have all profits from above jurisdiction, and that no arrays of men can be made without the Mayor being joined in the commission; see Charter of Henry IV., November 18th, 1399, 'Records,' Vol. II., pp. 3-11: 'We, moreover, wishing . . . shall be made in any wise in the same town'*].

20 And for a title, etc. [*Charter of Henry V. adduced, etc., which merely confirms the above grants made by his father*].

And furthermore, the same Mayor and Burgesses by their attorney aforesaid, say that the town of Nottingham is incorporated of a Mayor and Burgesses, etc. [*Claim to have perpetual succession,*  
25 *and to prosecute and defend by that name all pleas, suits, actions, etc., and acquire lands, tenements, etc.; that the Borough was erected into a County, the King's Hall being excepted; claim to elect two Sheriffs; that the Mayor should be Escheator within the Borough, and the Sheriffs hold their County Courts monthly; claim to hold a Court in*  
30 *the Guild Hall before the Mayor and Sheriffs, with certain definite powers, and to have all the profits of such Court; claim chattels of felons and outlaws, disavowed chattels of felones de se and deodands, all amercements, ransoms, forfeited issues, and fines from the inhabitants of the borough; all fines, etc., from the sureties of any person dwelling*  
35 *within the borough, in whatsoever royal court they may be forfeited; and to have power to levy and receive all such fines, etc.; also to elect from themselves seven Aldermen, such Aldermen to be Justices of the Peace within the borough, etc., and to have all fines arising from such Justiceship, forfeited victuals, etc.; see Charter of Henry VI., June 28th,*

*Vol. II., pp. 188-202: 'Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia . . . quae ad mercandisas non pertinent'.*

Et pro titulo, etc. [*The Charter of June 28th, 1448, adduced, etc., but erroneously attributed to Edward IV., who, however, subsequently, May 1, 1462, confirmed it.*]

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Et iidem clamantes dicunt quod virtute Chartae praedictae, ac vigore diversarum aliarum Cartarum diversorum aliorum Regum et Reginarum Angliae, hic in Curia similiter prolatarum, ipsi et praedecessores sui semper hucusque, a confectione Cartarum praedictarum, sine interruptione, libertatibus et privilegiis ultimo clamatis usi et gavisii fuerunt.

Clamant denique iidem Major et Burgenses respective pro seipsis et successoribus suis, et eorum firmariis et tenentibus burgagiorum (cum pertinentiis), et aliarum terrarum et tenementorum infra praedictam villam Nottinghamiae, et praecincta et libertates ejusdem existentium, communam pasturae, omni tempore anni communicabili, pro omnibus averiis suis communicabilibus in et super burgagia, terras, et tenementa praedicta levantibus et cubantibus,<sup>1</sup> tanquam ad eadem respective spectantem et pertinentem, in et super quoddam vastum vocatum '*Nottingham Lings*,' alias '*Basford Lings*,' jacens et existens infra praecincta et libertates villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, et, ratione vicinagii, in et super omnes alios locos communicabiles infra Forestam praedictam, secundum leges et assizas Forestae praedictae.

Et pro titulo ad communam pasturae praedictam habendam, iidem Major et Burgenses dicunt quod ipsi et omnes praedecessores sui, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, usi fuerunt et habere consueverunt dictam communam pasturae, omni anni tempore communicabili, pro omnibus averiis suis communicabilibus in et super burgagia, terras, et tenementa sua praedicta levantibus et cubantibus,<sup>1</sup> tanquam ad eadem respective spectantem et pertinentem, in et super praedictum vastum vocatum '*Nottingham Lings*,' alias '*Basford Lings*,' jacens et existens infra praecincta et libertates villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, et, ratione vicinagii, in et super omnes alios locos communicabiles infra Forestam praedictam, secundum leges et assizas Forestae praedictae.

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Quae omnia et singula, iidem Major et Burgenses parati sunt

<sup>1</sup> *levans et cubans* = French, *levans et couchant*: getting or rising up (to feed) and lying down (to sleep, etc.). See Glossary

for explanation of these and other phrases used in this document.

1448, 'Records,' Vol. II., pp. 189-203: 'And furthermore, of our more abundant grace . . . that do not pertain to merchandise'].

And for a title, etc. [*The Charter of June 28th, 1448, adduced, etc., but erroneously attributed to Edward IV., who, however, subsequently, May 1st, 1462, confirmed it.*]

And the same claimants say that by virtue of the Charter aforesaid, and by force of divers other Charters of divers other Kings and Queens of England, here in the Court likewise produced, they and their predecessors have always hitherto, since the making of the  
 10 Charters aforesaid, used and enjoyed, without interruption, the liberties and privileges last claimed.

Finally, the same Mayor and Burgesses respectively claim for themselves and their successors, and for their farmers and tenants of the burgages (with appurtenances), and of other lands and tenements  
 15 being within the aforesaid town of Nottingham, and the precincts and liberties of the same, common of pasture, in every commonable season of the year, for all their commonable cattle rising and lying down<sup>r</sup> in and upon the burgages, lands, and tenements aforesaid, as though to the same respectively belonging and appertaining, in and  
 20 upon a certain waste called 'Nottingham Lings,' otherwise 'Basford Lings,' lying and being within the precincts and liberties of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and, by reason of neighbourhood, in and upon all other commonable places within the Forest aforesaid, according to the laws and assizes of the Forest aforesaid.

25 And for a title to have the common of pasture aforesaid, the same Mayor and Burgesses say that they and all their predecessors, from time whereof the memory of man to the contrary does not exist, have used and been accustomed to have the said common of pasture, in every commonable season of the year, for all their commonable  
 30 cattle rising and lying down<sup>r</sup> in and upon their burgages, lands, and tenements aforesaid, as though to the same respectively belonging and appertaining, in and upon the aforesaid waste called 'Nottingham Lings,' otherwise 'Basford Lings,' lying and being within the precincts and liberties of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and,  
 35 because of neighbourhood, in and upon all other commonable places within the Forest aforesaid, according to the laws and assizes of the Forest aforesaid.

All which and singular, the same Mayor and Burgesses are ready to verify, according as the Court shall determine. And they seek

verificare, prout Curia consideraverit. Et petunt iudicium Curiae, et quod clamea sua praedicta allocentur.

Et quia satis liquet Curiae per litteras patentes praementionatas, ac per confirmationes et exemplificationes earundem hic ostentas<sup>1</sup> et lectas, quod iidem Major et Burgenses habuerunt et gavisi fuerunt 5 libertates, proficua, privilegia et franchisesias praedicta; et quoniam satis superque constat Curiae quod iidem Major et Burgenses, et praedecessores sui usi fuerunt, et a tempore cuius contrarii memoria hominum non existit, habere consueverunt dictam communam modo et forma prout in clameo eorum clamatur: 10

Consideratum est per Curiam quod praedicti Major et Burgenses et successores sui habeant et teneant omnia et singula franchisesias, libertates, proficua et privilegia praedicta; et clamea praemissorum allocantur et adjudicantur.

Quae omnia et singula praemissa, ad requisitionem dictorum 15 Majoris et Burgensium,<sup>2</sup> duximus exemplificanda per praesentes.

Teste dicto Willelmo, Marchione et modo Duce Newcastle, Justitiario nostro Forestae praedictae; et datum sub sigillo officii Forestae praedictae vicesimo octavo die Septembris, anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo, annoque Domini 1675.<sup>3</sup> 4689. 20

#### X.—*Charter of King Charles II.*<sup>4</sup>

1682, September 28.

Carta villae de Nottingham :—Rex, etc., omnibus ad quos, etc.

Cum villa nostra de Nottingham, in Comitatu ejusdem villae, est villa valde antiqua et populosa, et a tempore cuius contrarii memoria hominum non existit, fuit villa incorporata, et Major, Aldermanni, Vicecomites et Burgenses villae nostrae de Nottingham praedictae, et 25 praedecessores sui, diversas libertates, franchisesias, privilegia, immunitates, et praeheminentias habuerunt et tenuerunt et usi et gavisi

<sup>1</sup> *ostentas*,] 'ostenas,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *Burgensium*,] 'Bürgen's,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> At the foot of the MS., in the left hand corner, is written :—*Examinatum per me Johannem Millington, Seneschallum Forestae praedictae, et concordat cum recordo.* [Translation: 'Examined by me, John Millington, Seneschal of the Forest aforesaid, and it agrees with the Record.'] A briefer exemplification dated

August 30, 1675, of the Forestal Claims, as allowed in the reign of Henry the Eighth, is printed in Vol. iii., pp. 212-215.

<sup>4</sup> This charter, which was cancelled by that of William and Mary (October 19, 1692), is here printed from a copy on paper, the original having been, no doubt, destroyed when it was cancelled. "The charter," says Mr. Stevenson, "is badly constructed, and its grammar is occasionally

judgment of the Court, and that their claims aforesaid may be allowed.

And because it is sufficiently clear to the Court, by the letters patent before-mentioned, and by the confirmations and exemplifications of the same here shown and read, that the same Mayor and Burgesses have had and enjoyed the liberties, profits, privileges, and franchises aforesaid; and because it is abundantly evident to the Court that the same Mayor and Burgesses, and their predecessors, have used, and from time whereof the memory of man to the contrary does not exist, have been accustomed to have the said common in the manner and form as in their claim is claimed :

It is adjudged by the Court that the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses, and their successors, shall have and hold all and singular the franchises, liberties, profits and privileges aforesaid; and the claims of the premises are allowed and awarded.

All which and singular the premises, we have, at the request of the said Mayor and Burgesses, caused by these presents to be exemplified.

Witness the said William, Marquis and now Duke of Newcastle, our Justice of the Forest aforesaid; and given under the seal of office of the Forest aforesaid, on the twenty-eighth day of September, in the twenty-seventh year of our reign, and in the year of the Lord 1675.<sup>3</sup> 4689.

#### X.—*Charter of King Charles II.*<sup>4</sup>

1682, September 28.

Charter of the town of Nottingham: The King, etc., to all to whom, etc.

Whereas our town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town, is a town exceedingly ancient and populous, and was from time whereof the memory of man to the contrary does not exist, an incorporated town, and the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Burgesses of our town of Nottingham aforesaid, and their predecessors, had and held and used and enjoyed divers liberties, franchises, privileges,

very much at fault ” See note to charter in the printed volume of Charters, pp. 86-7. The charter is there stated to have been printed from ‘the enrolment on the patent rolls.’ There are some variations from the paper copy, which have been duly noted.

Most of Mr. Stevenson’s annotations and emendations are here reproduced. As an example of the numerous contractions in the Latin documents, the letters omitted in the MS. of this charter are here printed in italics.

fuerunt, tam per chartas diversorum progenitorum et praedecessorum nostrorum, nuper Regum et Reginarum Angliae, eis praeantea factas et concessas et confirmatas quam ratione diversarum praescriptionum et consuetudinum in eadem villa, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, usitatarum; cumque nos informati sumus quod 5 quaedam ambiguitates in quamplurimis chartis et literis patentibus eis praeantea factis existunt, ratione quod nonnulla in eisdem contenta non plene expressa nec verbis satis idoneis concessa fuerunt pro bono regimine, gubernatione, et commodo villae praedictae, secundum veram intentionem earundem chartarum seu literarum patentium; 10 cumque dilecti subditi nostri Major et Burgenses villae de Nottingham praedictae nobis sursum reddiderunt literas patentes et chartas praedictas, ac omnia libertates et privilegia sua quaecunque,—quam quidem sursum redditionem acceptavimus, ac per praesentes acceptamus,—et humiliter supplicaverunt, quod nos omnes et singulas libertates, privi- 15 legia, immunitates et concessionem omnium progenitorum et antecessorum nostrorum eisdem Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae de Nottingham, aut praedecessoribus suis, per aliquod nomen sive aliquae nomina incorporationis facta seu concessa, de novo concedere dignaremur cum additione augmentationum, alterationum, et explic- 20 ationum quarundam libertatum, concessionum, privilegiorum, et franchesarum prout nobis melius videbitur pro bono publico et communi utilitate ejusdem villae:

Sciatis igitur, quod nos augmentationem et emendationem villae praedictae, necnon bonum statum et gubernationem ejusdem, ut prae- 25 fertur, affectantes, et volentes quod de cetero imperpetuum in eadem villa et praecinctibus ejusdem continuo habeatur unus certus et indubitatus modus et forma de et pro custodia Pacis et bono regimine et gubernatione populi ibidem, et quod villa praedicta de cetero imperpetuum sit et permaneat villa pacis et quietis, ad terrorem 30 malorum, et praemium bonorum, et quod pax nostra ceteraque facta justitiae ibidem absque ulteriori dilatione observentur; de gratia nostra speciali et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, voluimus, ordinavimus, constituimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, volumus, ordinamus, con- 35 stituimus, declaramus et concedimus, quod dicta villa de cetero sit et erit libera villa de se; et quod Burgenses dictae villae de Nottingham per quodcunque nomen antehac incorporati fuerunt, et successores sui, de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt<sup>1</sup> vigore praesentium, unum

immunities, and pre-eminences, as well by the charters of divers our progenitors and predecessors, late Kings and Queens of England, heretofore made and granted and confirmed to them, as by reason of divers prescriptions and customs used in the same town from time  
 5 whereof the memory of man to the contrary does not exist; and whereas we are informed that certain ambiguities exist in many of the charters and letters patent heretofore made to them, by reason that some things contained in the same were not fully expressed, nor granted in words sufficiently ample for the good rule, government,  
 10 and convenience of the town aforesaid, according to the true intent of the same charters or letters patent; and whereas our well beloved subjects, the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, have surrendered to us the letters patent and charters aforesaid, and all their liberties and privileges whatsoever,—which surrender we  
 15 have accepted, and do by these presents accept,—and have humbly besought that we would deign to grant anew all and singular the liberties, privileges, immunities and grants of all our progenitors and ancestors made or granted to the same Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, or to their predecessors, by  
 20 any name or any names of incorporation, with the addition of augmentations, alterations and explanations of certain liberties, grants, privileges and franchises as shall seem best to us for the public good and the common utility of the same town :

Know ye, therefore, that we, affecting the augmentation and  
 25 emendation of the town aforesaid, as also the good estate and government of the same, as is aforesaid, and desiring that there may always be in the same town and the precincts of the same henceforth for ever a certain and undoubted manner and form of and for the keeping of the Peace, and the good rule and government of the  
 30 people there, and that the town aforesaid henceforth for ever may be and remain a town of peace and quiet, to the terror of the evil and the reward of the good, and that our peace and the other deeds of justice may be there observed without further delay; have of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, willed,  
 35 ordained, constituted, and granted, and by these presents do for us, our heirs and successors, will, ordain, constitute, declare, and grant that the said town may and shall be henceforth a free town of itself; and that the Burgesses of the said town of Nottingham by what-

<sup>1</sup> *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS. So in other cases.

corpus *corporatum* et politicum in re, facto et nomine *per* nomen  
 'Majoris, Aldermannorum, et Burgensium villae de Nottingham, in  
 Comitatu ejusdem villae,' ac eos *per* nomen 'Majoris, Aldermann-  
 orum, et Burgensium villae de Nottingham in Comitatu ejusdem  
 villae,' in unum corpus *corporatum* et politicum in re, facto et 5  
 nomine realiter et ad plenum *pro* nobis, heredibus et successoribus  
 nostris, erigimus, facimus, ordinamus, constituimus, confirmamus, et  
 declaramus *per* praesentes; et quod *per* idem nomen habeant success-  
 ionem perpetuam; et quod ipsi *per* nomen 'Majoris, Aldermannorum,  
 et Burgensium villae de Nottingham in Comitatu ejusdem villae' sint 10  
 et erunt<sup>1</sup> *perpetuis* futuris temporibus personae habiles et in lege  
 capaces ad habenda, *perquirenda*, recipienda et possidenda terras,  
 tenementa, libertates, privilegia, jurisdictiones, franchises, et heredita-  
 menta, cujuscunque generis, naturae, vel speciei fuerint, necnon ad  
 danda, concedenda, dimittenda et assignanda terras, tenementa et 15  
 hereditamenta, bona et catalla, ac omnia et singula facta et res  
 facienda et exequenda *per* nomen praedictum; et quod *per* idem  
 nomen 'Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae de Nottingham  
 in Comitatu ejusdem villae,' placitare et implacitari, respondere et  
 responderi, defendere et defendi valeant et possint in quibuscunque 20  
 curiis, placeis, et locis et coram quibuscunque iudicibus et justitiariis  
 ac aliis personis et officariis nostris, ac heredum et successorum  
 nostrorum, in omnibus sectis, querelis, placitis, causis, materiis et  
 demandis realibus, personalibus, et mixtis, et aliis quibuscunque, tam  
 spiritualibus quam temporalibus, cujuscunque sint generis, naturae, 25  
 seu speciei, eisdem modo et forma prout alii ligei nostri hujus regni  
 nostri Angliae personae habiles et in lege capaces placitare et  
 implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere et defendi, ac habere,  
 perquirere, recipere, possidere, dare, concedere et dimittere valeant et  
 possint; et quod iidem Major, Aldermanni, et Burgenses villae de 30  
 Nottingham praedictae, et successores sui, habeant imperpetuum  
 commune sigillum *pro* causis et negotiis suis et successorum suorum  
 quibuscunque agendis deserviturum; et quod bene liceat et licebit  
 eisdem Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus, et successoribus suis,  
 sigillum illud ad libitum suum de tempore in tempus frangere, 35  
 mutare, et de novo facere, prout eis melius fieri et fore videbitur.

Et ulterius volumus, et *per* praesentes *pro* nobis, heredibus et

<sup>1</sup> *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS.

soever name they were heretofore incorporated, and their successors, henceforth for ever may and shall be, by the force of these presents, a body corporate and politic in substance, deed, and name by the name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, 5 in the County of the same town,' and them into one body corporate and politic in substance, deed and name really and in full by the name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town,' we do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, erect, make, ordain, constitute, confirm, and declare; and that by the same name they shall 10 have perpetual succession; and that they by the name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town,' may and shall be at all future times persons able and capable in law to have, acquire, receive and possess 15 lands, tenements, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises and hereditaments, of whatsoever sort, nature, or kind they may be, as well as to give, grant, demise, and assign lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods and chattels, and to do and execute all and singular things and deeds by the name aforesaid; and that by the 20 same name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, in the County of the same town,' they may and shall be able to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in whatsoever courts and places, and before whatsoever judges and justices and other persons and officers of us, and our heirs 25 and successors, in all suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands real, personal, and mixed, and in others whatsoever, as well spiritual as temporal, of whatsoever sort, nature, or kind they may be, in the same manner and form as other our lieges of this our realm of England, persons able and capable in the law, are capable and able 30 to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, and have, acquire, receive, possess, give, grant, and demise; and that the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and their successors, shall have for ever a common seal to serve for fulfilling the causes and affairs whatsoever 35 of them and their successors; and that it may and shall be lawful for the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and their successors, to break, change, and make anew that seal from time to time at their pleasure, as shall seem to them best to be and to be done.

And moreover we will, and do by these presents for us, our heirs

successoribus nostris, concedimus et ordinamus, quod de cetero imperpetuum sit et erit infra villam praedictam unus de magis probioribus et discretioribus Burgensibus villae praedictae, in forma inferius in his praesentibus mentionata eligendus, qui erit et nominabitur 'Major' villae praedictae; quodque similiter sint et erunt<sup>1</sup> infra villam praedictam de tempore in tempus sex Burgenses villae praedictae et continuo inhabitantes et commorantes infra villam praedictam, praeter Majorem villae praedictae, in forma inferius in his praesentibus mentionata eligendi, qui erunt<sup>1</sup> et nominabuntur 'Aldermanni' villae praedictae; quodque similiter de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt<sup>1</sup> 10 infra villam praedictam de tempore in tempus octodecim<sup>2</sup> Burgenses villae praedictae, ac continuo inhabitantes et commorantes infra eandem villam, in forma inferius in his praesentibus mentionata eligendi, qui erunt et nominabuntur 'Capitales Consilarii'<sup>3</sup> villae praedictae; quodque similiter de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt<sup>1</sup> 15 infra villam praedictam de tempore in tempus sex alii Burgenses villae praedictae ac continuo inhabitantes et commorantes infra eandem villam, in forma inferius in his praesentibus mentionata eligendi, qui erunt et nominabuntur 'Consilarii' villae praedictae: qui quidem Major, Aldermanni, octodecim Capitales Consilarii et 20 praedicti sex Consilarii, et successores sui, erunt et vocabuntur de cetero imperpetuum 'Commune Consilium' villae praedictae.

Et ulterius volumus ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, praefatis Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, concedimus quod de cetero 25 imperpetuum sint et erunt in villa praedicta duo viri discreti et honesti, in forma in praesentibus inferius specificata eligendi et nominandi, qui erunt et vocabuntur 'Camerarii' villae praedictae: qui quidem Camerarii omnia et omnimoda redditus, summas monetarum, fines, amerciamenta, reventiones, proficua, commoditates, et emolumenta quaecunque ad Majorem, Aldermannos, et Burgenses villae praedictae, et successores suos, jure villae praedictae quoquo modo spectantia sive pertinentia valeant et possint de tempore in tempus colligere et recipere, et pro eisdem in lege postulare et recupare in nomine et ad usum dictorum Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium 35 villae praedictae, et in camera villae praedictae conservare ad usum

<sup>1</sup> *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *octodecim*,] 'octodecem,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> Consilarii for Conciliani. So through-

out. The substitution of s for c is by no means unusual. See, for instance, *senam* for *cenam*, *Records*, Vol. III., p. 32.

and successors, grant and ordain that henceforth for ever there may and shall be within the town aforesaid one of the most approved and discreet Burgesses of the town aforesaid, to be elected in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be and shall be called  
5 'the Mayor' of the town aforesaid ; and that likewise there may and shall be within the town aforesaid from time to time six Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and continually residing and dwelling within the town aforesaid, besides the Mayor of the town aforesaid, to be elected in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be and  
10 shall be called 'Aldermen' of the town aforesaid ; and that likewise henceforth for ever there may and shall be within the town aforesaid from time to time eighteen Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and continually resident and dwelling within the same town, to be elected in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be and  
15 shall be called 'the Chief Councillors' of the town aforesaid ; and that likewise henceforth for ever there may and shall be within the town aforesaid from time to time six other Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and continually inhabiting and dwelling within the same town, to be elected in the form mentioned below in these presents,  
20 who shall be and shall be called 'Councillors' of the town aforesaid : which Mayor, Aldermen, eighteen Chief Councillors and the aforesaid six Councillors, and their successors, shall be and shall be called henceforth for ever 'the Common Council' of the town aforesaid.

And moreover we will, and do by these presents for us, our heirs  
25 and successors, grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that henceforth for ever there may and shall be in the town aforesaid two discreet and honest men, to be elected and nominated in the form specified below in these presents, who shall be and shall be called 'the  
30 Chamberlains' of the town aforesaid : which Chamberlains may and shall be able to collect and receive all and all manner of rents, sums of money, fines, amercements, revenues, profits, commodities and emoluments whatsoever in any wise belonging or pertaining to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their  
35 successors, in right of the town aforesaid, and to sue in law and recover for the same in the name and for the use of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to keep the same in the chamber of the town aforesaid for the use of the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of that town, and to dispose of

*praedictorum* Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae illius, ac illa sic recepta et conservata ad *mandatum* et *appunctionem* Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae illius *pro* tempore existentium, vel majoris partis eorundem (quorum Majorem villae praedictae *pro* tempore existentem unum esse volumus), *disponere* 5 *et assignare*.

Et *pro* meliori *executione voluntatis* et *concessionis nostrae* in hac parte, assignavimus, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac *per praesentes pro* nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus et facimus 10 *dilectum* nobis Gervasium Wylde, armigerum, fore et esse primum et modernum Majorem villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio a data praesentium usque ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo futurum, et abinde quousque alius de Aldermannis villae praedictae ad officium Majoris villae illius, juxta ordinationem et 15 *provisionem* in his praesentibus inferius expressam et specificatam, praefectus et juratus fuerit, si idem Gervasius Wylde tam diu vixerit.

Et ulterius volumus, ac *per praesentes pro* nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod Major, Aldermannus, Capitales Consilarii, et Consilarii inferius mentionati, et tot de iis Burgensibus qui officia Vicecomitum vel Camerariorum, inferius etiam mentionata, infra eandem villam tempore hujusmodi electionis gerunt et subeunt, vel ad aliquod tempus praeventa gessissent et subiissent, sive major pars eorundem (quorum Majorem villae praedictae *pro* tempore existentem unum esse volumus), de tempore in tempus, perpetuis futuris temporibus, potestatem et auctoritatem habeant et habebunt annuatim et quolibet anno imperpetuum, in festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, eligendi et nominandi, et quod nominare et eligere possint et valeant, unum probum et discretum virum de 30 Aldermannis villae praedictae *pro* tempore existentibus, qui erit Major villae praedictae a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proximo sequenti<sup>r</sup> *pro* uno anno integro extunc proximo sequenti praedictum festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, et abinde quousque unus alius de Aldermannis villae praedictae ad officium illud electus sit et debito 35 modo juratus fuerit; quodque ille [qui] sic, ut praefertur, nominatus et electus fuerit in officio Majoris villae praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur exequendum, sacramentum corporale in dicto festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, coram Majore villae praedictae, vel

and assign them so received and kept at the command and appointment of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of that town for the time being, or of the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one).

5 And for the better execution of our will and grant in this behalf, we have assigned, nominated, created, constituted, and made, and by these presents do for us, our heirs and successors, assign, name, create, constitute, and make our beloved Gervase Wylde, esquire, to be the first and present Mayor of the town aforesaid, to continue in  
10 the same office from the date of these presents until the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next to come, and from then until another of the Aldermen of the town aforesaid be advanced and sworn to the office of Mayor of that town, according to the ordinance and provision below expressed and specified in these presents, if the  
15 same Gervase Wylde live so long.

And moreover we will, and by these presents do grant for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that the Mayor, Aldermen, Chief Councillors, and Councillors below mentioned, and so  
20 many of those Burgesses who bear and execute the offices of Sheriffs or Chamberlains, also mentioned below, within the same town at the time of such election, or have borne and executed them at any time previously, or the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one) may and shall have,  
25 from time to time, at all future times, power and authority to elect and nominate annually, and in every year for ever, in the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, and that they may and shall be able to name and elect, an approved and discreet man of the Aldermen of the town aforesaid for the time being, who shall be Mayor of the  
30 town aforesaid from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel then next following<sup>1</sup> for one whole year then next following the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, and from then until another of the Aldermen of the town aforesaid be elected and in due manner sworn to that office; and that he who shall thus be named and  
35 elected, as is aforesaid, to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, shall, before he be admitted to execute that office, first take his bodily

<sup>1</sup> 'This must be a mistake for "ab eodem festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli"' (from the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel). According to the above

wording, the Mayor would be elected a year before his term of office commenced; whereas he entered upon his office forthwith.' Note to 'Charters,' p. 95.

Deputato suo pro tempore *existenti*, ad officium illud recte, bene et fideliter in omnibus ad officium illo tangentibus exequendum, prius praestabit; et quod, post hujusmodi sacramentum sic praestitum, officium Majoris praedictum pro uno anno integro tunc proximo sequenti exequi valeat et possit, et abinde quousque unus alius de Aldermannis praedictis in officium Majoris electus et praefectus fuerit. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod si contigerit Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem sic aegritudine laborare quod necessaria negotia villae praedictae attendere non possit, aut villam praedictam pro aliqua causa rationabili egredi,<sup>1</sup> quod<sup>2</sup> tunc et toties de tempore in tempus liceat et licebit Majori villae praedictae pro tempore *existenti*, sic aegritudine laboranti aut pro aliqua causa rationabili *absenti*, eligere, deputare, et constituere quendam alium e sex Aldermannis praedictis fore et esse Deputatum Majorem villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio Deputati Majoris villae praedictae in absentia aut aegritudine Majoris villae praedictae pro tempore *existentis*; qui quidem Deputatus Major villae praedictae, sic, ut praefertur, deputandus et constituendus in Deputatum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem, omnia et singula, quae ad officium Majoris villae illius infra villam praedictam pertinent et pertinere debent facienda et exequenda, facere et exequi valeat et possit durante bene placito Majoris villae praedictae, in absentia vel aegritudine ejusdem Majoris pro tempore *existentis*, adeo plene, libere, et integre prout Major villae praedictae pro tempore *existens*, si praesens esset, facere et exequi valeat et possit; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. Et volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod si contigerit Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem, aliquo tempore infra unum annum postquam ad officium Majoris villae praedictae sic, ut praefertur, nominatus, electus, praefectus, et juratus fuerit, obire, aut ab officio illo amoveri, quod tunc et

<sup>1</sup> 'This seems to be intended for *ingredi*, "enter." Note to 'Charters,' p. 96. But may not the construction be '*si contigerit Majorem, etc., villam praedictam*

*pro aliqua causa rationabili egredi?*' ('If the Mayor shall happen to go out of the town aforesaid for any reasonable cause.') This corresponds with the subsequent '*pro*

oath in the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, before the Mayor of the town aforesaid, or his Deputy for the time being, to execute everything pertaining to that office rightly, well, and faithfully; and that, after he has taken such oath, he may and shall be  
 5 able to execute the office of Mayor aforesaid for one whole year then next following, and from then until another one of the Aldermen aforesaid be elected and advanced to the office of Mayor. And furthermore we will, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of  
 10 the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that if it shall befall the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being, so to be afflicted with illness that he shall not be able to attend to the necessary affairs of the aforesaid town, or to go out of<sup>1</sup> the town aforesaid for any reasonable cause, then and as many times from time to time it may  
 15 and shall be lawful for the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being, so suffering from illness or being absent for any reasonable cause, to elect, depute, and appoint one other of the six Aldermen aforesaid to be the Deputy-Mayor of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same office of Deputy-Mayor of the town aforesaid in the  
 20 absence or illness of the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being; which Deputy-Mayor of the town aforesaid thus, as is aforesaid, to be deputed and appointed Deputy-Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being, may and shall be able to do and execute all and singular the things that pertain and ought to pertain to be done  
 25 and executed to the office of Mayor of that town, within the town aforesaid, during the pleasure of the Mayor of the town aforesaid in the absence or illness of the same Mayor for the time being, as fully, freely, and wholly as the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being might and should be able to do and execute them if he were  
 30 present; and thus as often as the case shall so happen. And we will, and do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, grant to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that if it chance the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to die or be removed from that office at any time  
 35 within one year after he have been thus nominated, elected, advanced, and sworn to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, as is aforesaid,

*aliqua causa rationabili absenti* ('being absent for any reasonable cause').

<sup>2</sup> 'A redundant *quod* occurs in the MS. here, and in the similar passages below.' Note to 'Charters,' p. 96.

toties bene liceat et licebit *Aldermannis*, Capitalibus Consiliariis, Consiliariis, et tot de iis Burgensibus qui officia Vicecomitum vel Camerariorum infra eandem villam tempore hujusmodi electionis gerunt vel subeunt, vel ad aliquod tempus praeantea gessissent et subiissent, vel majori parti eorundem, convenire et assemblare in communi loco vocato 'Guilhald,' aut alio loco convenienti, infra villam praedictam, infra duodecim dies proximo post notitiam mortis aut amotionis dicti Majoris, et ibidem unum alium de *Aldermannis* villae praedictae in officium Majoris villae praedictae nominare, eligere, et praeficere, secundum ordinationem et provisionem superius in praesentibus declaratas; et quod ille sic eligendus et praeficiendus in officium Majoris villae praedictae, officium illud habeat et exerceat durante residuo ejusdem anni, sacramento corporali in forma praedicta prius praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus, et facimus dilectos nobis Radu/phum Edge, Christopherum Hall, Johannem Parker, Gervasium Rippon, Willelmum Toplady, et Willelmum Petty, generosos, fore et esse modernos *Aldermannos* villae praedictae, continuandos in eisdem officiis durantibus vitis suis naturalibus, nisi interim pro mala gubernatione sive male se gerendo in ea parte, aut pro aliqua [alia] causa rationabili, ab officiis illis amoti erunt, aut eorum aliquis vel aliqui amoti erunt vel amotus erit. Et ulterius volumus quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de praedictis *Aldermannis* villae praedictae, sive successoribus suis, de tempore in tempus obire, aut ab officiis suis *Aldermannorum* villae praedictae amoveri,—quos quidem *Aldermannos* villae praedictae, seu eorum aliquem, vel aliquos, se non bene gerentes in officiis illis amobiles esse volumus ad bene placitum Majoris et residuorum *Aldermannorum*, Capitalium Consiliariorum, et sex Consiliariorum villae praedictae, vel majoris partis eorundem (quorum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus),—quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praedictis Majori, residuis *Aldermannorum*, Capitalibus Consiliariis, Consiliariis, et tot de iis Burgensibus qui officia Vicecomitum vel Camerariorum infra eandem villam tempore hujusmodi electionis gerunt et subeunt, vel ad aliquod tempus praeantea gessissent et subiissent, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium, vel plures

then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, and so many of those Burgesses as bear or execute the offices of Sheriffs or Chamberlains within the same town, at the time of such election, or as have borne or executed them at  
5 any time previously, or for the major part of the same, to convene and assemble in the common place called 'Guild Hall,' or in any other convenient place, within the town aforesaid, within twelve days next after notice of the death or amoval of the said Mayor, and there to name, elect, and advance one other of the Aldermen of the town  
10 aforesaid to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, according to the ordinance and provision above declared in these presents; and that he so to be elected and advanced to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid shall have and exercise that office during the remainder of the same year, having previously taken his bodily oath  
15 in form aforesaid: and so as often as the case shall so happen.

We have also assigned, named, created, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, name, create, constitute, and make our beloved Ralph Edge, Christopher Hall, John Parker, Gervase Rippon, William Toplady, and  
20 William Petty, gentlemen, to be the present Aldermen of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same offices during their natural lives, unless in the meantime they be amoved, or any one or more of them be amoved from those offices for their bad government or misconduct in that behalf, or for any [other] reasonable cause. And moreover we  
25 will, that whenever it shall happen from time to time that any one or more of the aforesaid Aldermen of the town aforesaid, or of their successors, shall die, or be amoved from their offices of Aldermen of the town aforesaid—which Aldermen of the town aforesaid, or any one or more of them, not conducting themselves well in their offices,  
30 we will shall be amovable at the pleasure of the Mayor and the rest of the Aldermen, Chief Councillors, and six Councillors of the town aforesaid, or of the greater part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one)—then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, the rest  
35 of the Aldermen, the Chief Councillors, Councillors, and so many of those Burgesses as bear and execute the offices of Sheriffs or Chamberlains within the same town at the time of such election, or as have at any time previously borne and executed such office, or for the greater part of them (of whom we will the Mayor for the time

alios, de *Capitalibus Consiliariis villae praedictae* in his *praesentibus* postea nominatis in loco, sive locis, ipsius, vel ipsorum, Aldermanni, vel Aldermannorum, villae praedictae, sic mori vel amoveri contingentium, eligere, nominare, et praeficere, ad supplendum praedictum numerum sex Aldermannorum villae praedictae; quodque ille sive illi, 5 sic ut praefertur, ad officium Aldermanni vel Aldermannorum villae praedictae electus et praefectus, electi et praefecti, erit et erunt de numero praedictorum sex Aldermannorum villae praedictae; et hoc de tempore in tempus toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus, et 10 fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus, et facimus dilectos nobis Edmundum Mabot, Willelmum Mabot, Robertum Coulson, Hugonem Walker, Willelmum Hardy, Vincentium Beverley, Carolum Chadwick, Willelmum Unwin, Francum Sulley, Robertum 15 Peach, Samuelem Hooke, Stephanum Broome, Edwardum Wilkinson, Jacobum Villiers, Robertum Worthley, Willelmum Woolhouse, Johannem Malyn, et Johannem Whitby fore et esse modernos Capitales Consiliarios villae praedictae, continuandos in eisdem officiis durant 20 ibus vitis suis naturalibus respective, nisi interim pro mala<sup>r</sup> gubernatione sive male se gerendo in officiis suis praedictis, aut pro aliqua alia causa rationabili, amoti fuerint, aut eorum aliqui, vel aliquis, amotus erit, vel amoti erunt. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus 25 suis imperpetuum, quod, quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Capitalibus Consiliariis villae praedictae, seu aliquos successorum suorum, obire, aut ab officiis suis Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae amoveri,—quos quidem Capitales Consiliarios villae praedictae pro tempore existentes, vel successores suos, sive eorum 30 aliquem, vel aliquos, se non bene gerentem, aut gerentes, in officiis illis amobiles esse volumus ad bene placitum Majoris, Aldermannorum et Communium<sup>2</sup> Consiliariorum villae praedictae pro tempore existentium, vel majoris partis eorundem (quorum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus),—quod tunc et 35 toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, et successoribus suis, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium, vel plures, de Burgensibus

being to be one), to elect, nominate, and advance one other or others of the Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid named hereafter in these presents in the place or places of such Alderman, or Aldermen, of the town aforesaid so happening to die or be amoved, to make up  
 5 the aforesaid number of six Aldermen of the town aforesaid; and that he or they thus, as is beforesaid, elected and advanced to the office of Alderman, or Aldermen, of the town aforesaid, shall be of the number of the aforesaid six Aldermen of the town aforesaid; and this from time to time as often as the case shall so happen.

10 We have also assigned, nominated, created, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, nominate, create, constitute, and make our beloved Edmund Mabot, William Mabot, Robert Coulson, Hugh Walker, William Hardy, Vincent Beverley, Charles Chadwick, William Unwin, Frank  
 15 Sulley, Robert Peach, Samuel Hooke, Stephen Broome, Edward Wilkinson, James Villiers, Robert Worthley, William Woolhouse, John Malin and John Whitby to be the present Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid, to respectively continue in the same offices during their natural lives, unless in the meantime they, or any or anyone of  
 20 them be amoved for bad government or misconduct in their aforesaid offices, or for any other reasonable cause. And moreover we will, and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors for ever, that whensoever it shall befall any  
 25 one or more of the Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid, or any of their successors, to die, or be amoved from their offices of Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid,—which Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid for the time being, or their successors, or any one or more of them not well behaving himself, or themselves, in those  
 30 offices, we will shall be amovable at the pleasure of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councillors of the town aforesaid for the time being, or of the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one),—then and as often it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being and for  
 35 their successors, or for the greater part of them (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), to elect, nominate, and advance

<sup>1</sup> *mala*,] 'male,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *Communium*,] 'Communis,' MS.

villae praedictae in loco, sive locis, ipsius, vel ipsorum Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae sic mori vel amoveri contingentium, eligere, nominare, et praeficere, ad supplendum praedictum numerum octodecim Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae; quodque ille, sive illi, sic ut praefertur ad officium Capitalis Consiliarii villae 5 praedictae electus et praefectus, aut electi et praefecti, erit et erunt de numero octodecim Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae; et hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus 10 nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus et facimus dilectos nobis Willelmum Jackson, Thomam Lee, Johannem Unwin, Ricardum<sup>1</sup> Wright, Henricum Hardy et Johannem Shipman fore et esse modernos consiliarios villae praedictae, continuandos in eisdem officiis durantibus vitis suis naturalibus respective, nisi interim pro 15 mala gubernatione sive male se gerendo in officiis suis praedictis, aut pro aliqua alia causa rationabili amoti fuerint, aut eorum aliqui, vel aliquis, amoti erunt,<sup>2</sup> vel amotus erit. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et suc- 20 cessoribus suis imperpetuum, quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de dictis sex Consiliariis villae praedictae, seu aliquos successorum suorum, obire, aut ab officiis suis Consiliariorum villae praedictae amoveri,—quos quidem Conciliarios villae praedictae<sup>3</sup> pro tempore existentes, et successores suos, sive eorum aliquem vel aliquos se non 25 bene gerentem aut gerentes in officiis illis amobiles esse volumus,—quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, et successoribus suis, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium vel plures, de Burg- 30 ensibus villae praedictae in loco sive locis ipsius vel ipsorum Consiliariorum villae praedictae sic mori vel amoveri contingentium, eligere, nominare et praeficere ad supplendum numerum sex Consiliariorum villae praedictae; quodque ille, sive illi, sic, ut praefertur, ad officia Consiliariorum villae praedictae electus et praefectus, aut electi et 35 praefecti, erit et erunt de numero sex Consiliariorum villae praedictae; et hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

<sup>1</sup> 'Richum,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *erunt,*] 'erint,' MS.

one other, or more, of the Burgesses of the town aforesaid in the place, or places, of such Chief Councillor, or Councillors, of the town aforesaid so happening to die or be amoved, to make up the aforesaid number of eighteen Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid ;  
 5 and that he, or they, so, as is aforesaid, elected and advanced to the office of Chief Councillor of the town aforesaid, shall be of the number of the eighteen Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid ; and this so often as the case shall so happen.

We have also assigned, nominated, created, constituted, and  
 10 made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, nominate, create, constitute, and make our beloved William Jackson, Thomas Lee, John Unwin, Richard Wright, Henry Hardy and John Shipman to be the present Councillors of the town aforesaid, to continue respectively in the same offices during their natural  
 15 lives, unless they, or any or anyone of them, be amoved in the meantime for bad government or misconducting themselves in their aforesaid offices, or for any other reasonable cause. And moreover we will and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors for ever, that whenever it shall happen  
 20 that any one or more of the said six Councillors of the town aforesaid, or any of their successors, shall die or be amoved from their offices of Councillors of the town aforesaid—which Councillors of the town aforesaid for the time being, and their successors, or any  
 25 one or more of them not well behaving themselves in those offices we will shall be amovable,—then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, and their successors, or the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to  
 30 be one), to elect, nominate, and advance one other or more, of the Burgesses of the town aforesaid in the place, or places, of that, or those Councillors of the town aforesaid so happening to die or be amoved, to fill up the number of six Councillors of the town aforesaid ; and that he, or they, so, as is before said, elected and advanced  
 35 to the offices of Councillors of the town aforesaid shall be of the number of the six Councillors of the town aforesaid ; and this so often as the case shall so happen.

<sup>3</sup> The Roll here needlessly interlines *amoveri quos quidem Consiliarios villae praedictae*. Note to 'Charters,' p. 103.

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, creavimus, constituimus et fecimus, ac *per* praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, creamus, constituimus et facimus dilectos nobis Johannem Peake et Johannem Uthwayte fore et esse modernos Camerarios villae praedictae, continuandos in officiis 5 Camerariorum usque ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo sequens datum praesentium, et abinde quousque duo alii de sex Consiliariis, vel aliis Burgensibus villae praedictae non existentibus de numero octodecim Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae, in officia Camerariorum electi et praefecti fuerint; et ad verum com- 10 potum inde reddendum praefatis Majori, Aldermannis, et Communi Consilio villae praedictae; et hoc toties quoties eis expedire videbitur. Et quod de tempore in tempus, et ad omnia tempora post praedictam festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, mortem vel amotionem praedictorum Johannis Peake et Johannis Uthwayte, vel alterius 15 corum, vel alicujus seu aliquorum successorum suorum, Major, Aldermanni et Commune[s] Consilarii villae praedictae pro tempore existentes, vel major pars eorum (quorum Majorem ejusdem villae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium virum, vel duos viros discretos et honestos de praedictis sex Consiliariis vel Burgens- 20 ibus villae praedictae non existentibus Capitalibus Consiliariis ejusdem villae, in Camerarios villae praedictae eligere, nominare, et praeficere valeant et possint; quodque ille, sive illi, qui in Camerarios villae praedictae sic, ut praefertur, electus praefectus, et nominatus fuerit, vel electi, praefecti, et nominati fuerint, officia illa Camerar- 25 iorum villae praedictae exercere et gaudere valeant et possint, valeat et possit, pro uno anno integro extunc proximo sequenti, et abinde quousque unum alium, vel duo alii, ex sex Consiliariis vel aliis Burgensibus villae praedictae non existentibus de numero octodecim Capitalium Consiliariorum villae praedictae, ad officia praedicta 30 Camerariorum villae praedictae debito modo electi et praefecti fuerit vel fuerint; et hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit: nisi interim pro mala gubernatione sive male se gerendo in ea parte, aut pro aliqua causa rationabili, ab officiis illis amoti erunt, aut eorum alter, amoti erunt vel amotus erit, per Majorem, Aldermannos et Commune Con- 35 silium villae praedictae, vel majorem partem eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus).

Et volumus, ac *per* praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus

We have also assigned, nominated, created, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, nominate, create, constitute, and make our beloved John Peake and John Uthwayte to be the present Chamberlains of the town aforesaid, to continue in the offices of Chamberlains until the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next following the date of these presents, and from then until two others of the six Councillors, or of the other Burgesses of the town aforesaid not being of the number of the eighteen Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid, shall be elected and advanced to the offices of Chamberlains; and to render true account thereof to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the town aforesaid; and this as often as shall seem expedient to them. And that from time to time and at all times after the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, the death or amoval of the aforesaid John Peake and John Uthwayte, or of either of them, or of any one or more of their successors, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the town aforesaid for the time being, or the major part of them (of whom we will the Mayor of the same town for the time being to be one), may and shall be able to elect, nominate, and advance one other man, or two discreet and honest men of the aforesaid six Councillors, or of the Burgesses of the town aforesaid not being Chief Councillors of the same town, as Chamberlains of the town aforesaid; and that he, or they, who shall be thus, as is beforesaid, elected, advanced, and nominated as Chamberlains of the town aforesaid, may and shall be able to exercise and enjoy those offices of Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for one whole year then next following, and from then until one other, or two others, of the six Councillors or other Burgesses of the town aforesaid not being of the number of the eighteen Chief Councillors of the town aforesaid, be in due manner elected and advanced to the aforesaid offices of Chamberlains of the town aforesaid; and this so many times as the case shall so happen: unless in the meantime they, or either of them, be amoved from their offices by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the town aforesaid, or the major part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), for their bad government or misconduct in this behalf, or for any other reasonable cause.

And we will, and by these presents do grant for ourselves, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Bur-

villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod de cetero imperpetuum, ipsi et successores sui habeant et habebunt infra villam praedictam duos honestos et discretos viros qui erunt et vocabuntur ‘Coronatores’ villae praedictae, sicut antiquo habuerunt, et modo habent, qui erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus assistentes, consulentes, et auxilantes 5 Majori villae praedictae; et quod praedicti Coronatores villae praedictae pro tempore existentes facient omnia et singula infra villam praedictam, limites et praecinctus ejusdem, quae aliquis Coronator vel aliqui Coronatores virtute officii illius facere et exequi potuit aut debuit, possint aut debent, et non aliter. Et pro meliori executione 10 voluntatis et concessionis nostrae in hac parte, assignamus, nominamus, constituimus et facimus dilectos nobis Robertum Worthley et Willelmum Woolhouse, generosos, fore et esse primos et modernos Coronatores villae praedictae durantibus vitis suis naturalibus, nisi interim illi, sive eorum alter, pro se male gerendo in officio illo amoti 15 fuerint vel fuerit per Majorem et Commune Consilium villae praedictae pro tempore existentes. Et volumus, quod praedicti Robertus Worthley et Willelmus Woolhouse, et quique Coronatores villae praedictae imposterum eligendi, antequam ad officia Coronatorum praedictorum admittantur aut admittatur, sacramentum corporale super 20 sacrosancta Dei Evangelia<sup>1</sup> coram Majore villae praedictae pro tempore existenti, ad omnia et singula, quae ad officium Coronatoris villae praedictae pertinent, recte, bene, et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia facienda et exequenda, praestabunt, et praestabit: cui quidem Majori villae praedictae pro tempore existenti hujusmodi sacra- 25 mentum administrandi pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, auctoritatem et potestatem concedimus per praesentes. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus Majori, Aldermannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, et successoribus suis, quod de 30 tempore in tempus, post mortem vel amotionem praedictorum Roberti Worthley et Willelmi Woolhouse, vel alterius eorum, bene liceat et licebit Majori, Aldermannis et Capitalibus Consiliariis, sex Consiliariis, et tot de iis Burgensibus qui officia Vicecomitum et Camerariorum tempore hujusmodi electionis gerunt et subeunt, aut praeantea 35 gesserunt aut subierunt, vel majori parti eorum (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum virum, vel duos viros, in officia coronatorum villae praedictae eligere et praeficere,

<sup>1</sup> *evangelia,*] ‘*evangelii,*’ MS.

gesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that they and their successors may and shall have henceforth for ever within the town aforesaid two honest and discreet men who shall be and shall be called 'Coroners' of the town aforesaid, as they had of old, and  
5 now have, who shall be assisting, counselling, and helping to the Mayor of the town aforesaid in all times to come ; and that the aforesaid Coroners of the town aforesaid for the time being shall do all and singular the things within the town aforesaid, the limits and precincts of the same, that any Coroner or any Coroners might or should have  
10 done and executed, or may and should do and execute by virtue of that office, and not otherwise. And for the better execution of our will and grant in this behalf, we assign, nominate, constitute, and make our beloved Robert Worthley and William Woolhouse, gentlemen, to be the first and present Coroners of the town aforesaid  
15 during their natural lives, unless they or either of them, be amoved in the meantime by the Mayor and Common Council of the town aforesaid for the time being for evil conduct in that office. And we will, that the aforesaid Robert Worthley and William Woolhouse, and every Coroner of the town aforesaid to be hereafter elected, shall,  
20 before he or they be admitted to the offices of Coroners aforesaid, take bodily oath on God's holy Gospels, before the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being, rightly, well, and faithfully to do and execute in all things and through all things all and singular the things that pertain to the office of Coroner of the town aforesaid : to  
25 which Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being we grant for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents, authority and power to administer such oath. And furthermore we will, and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, and to  
30 their successors, that it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chief Councillors, six Councillors, and so many of the Burgesses as bear and execute the offices of Sheriffs and Chamberlains at the time of such election, or have borne and executed them at any time previously, or the majority of them (of whom we will  
35 the Mayor for the time being to be one), to elect and advance, from time to time, after the death or amoval of the aforesaid Robert Worthley and William Woolhouse, or of either of them, one man, or two men, to the offices of Coroners of the town aforesaid, to continue in the offices of the said Coroners during their natural lives, unless

continuandos in officiis dictorum Coronatorum durantibus vitis suis naturalibus, nisi pro se male gerendo in officiis illis amoti fuerint, ut praedictum est; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Et si aliquis imposterum sic electus in officium Majoris villae praedictae, aut in officio sive loco Aldermanni, Vicecomitis, Capitalis 5 Consilarii, [Consilarii] vel Camerarii, aut in aliquod aliud officium sive locum infra villam praedictam, cui electio illa notificata erit, recusaverit accipere super se officium sive officia praedicta, aut jura- [mentum] et alia requisita in ea parte praestare et performare, sine causa rationabili, quod tunc et in quolibet tali casu bene liceat et 10 licebit eisdem Majori, [et] Communi Consilio villae praedictae, vel majori parti eorundem pro tempore existentibus (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), de tempore in tempus taxare et imponere tales rationabiles fines super quamlibet<sup>1</sup> hujusmodi personam sic recusantem, quales eisdem Majori et Communi Consilio 15 villae praedictae, aut majori parti eorundem, rationabiliter videbitur expediendi; et ad hujusmodi fines et fines sic de tempore in tempus taxatos et impositos per distractionem et venditionem bonorum et catallorum cujuslibet hujusmodi personae et personarum sic recusantium, aut per actionem debiti, seu alio legali modo quocumque, de 20 tempore in tempus ad et pro usu et proficuo dictorum Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium ejusdem villae, levare, percipere, et detinere valeant et possint, sine molestatione sive impedimento nostri, heredum vel successorum nostrorum; et hoc absque aliquo compoto seu alia re quacunque nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris, proinde 25 reddendo vel solvendo.

Et volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus praefatis Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, pro tempore existentibus, et successoribus suis, quod ipsi, et successores sui, de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt in 30 et pro villa praedicta unum virum praeclarum et discretum, in forma inferius in his praesentibus expressa [eligendum], qui erit et nominabitur 'Recordator' villae praedictae, ad omnia et singula agenda et exequenda quae ad officium Recordatoris in eadem villa, seu in aliqua alia villa sive loco incorporato,<sup>2</sup> pertinent.

Ac etiam, quod praedicti Major, Aldermanni et Burgenses villae praedictae, et successores sui, de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt in villa praedicta unum alium virum in legibus Angliae erud-

<sup>1</sup> quamlibet,] 'quemlibet,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> incorporato,] 'incorporeat.,' MS.

they be amoved for misconducting themselves in those offices, as is beforesaid ; and so as often as the case shall so happen.

And if any one hereafter so elected to the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, or to the office or place of an Alderman, Sheriff, 5 Chief Councillor, [Councillor], or Chamberlain, or to any other office, or place within the town aforesaid, to whom that election shall have been notified, shall refuse, without reasonable cause, to take upon himself the office or offices aforesaid, or to take and perform the oath and other requisites in that behalf, that then and in every such 10 case it may and shall be lawful for the same Mayor, Common Council of the town aforesaid, or the major part of them for the time being (of whom we will that the Mayor for the time being shall be one), to tax and impose from time to time such reasonable fines upon each such person so refusing, as shall reasonably appear to be 15 expedient to the same Mayor and Common Council of the town aforesaid, or to the greater part of the same ; and that they may be able to levy, receive, and retain such fines and fines so from time to time taxed and imposed by distraint and sale of the goods and chattels of every such person and persons so refusing, or by action of 20 debt, or in any other legal manner whatsoever, from time to time, to and for the use and profit of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the same town, without molestation or impediment from us, our heirs or successors ; and this without rendering or paying therefor to us, our heirs or successors, any account or anything else 25 whatsoever.

And we will, and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, and to their successors, that they and their successors, may and shall have henceforth for ever in and 30 for the town aforesaid one distinguished and discreet man, [to be elected] in the form below expressed in these presents, who shall be and shall be designated 'the Recorder' of the town aforesaid, to do and execute all and singular the things that pertain to the office of Recorder in the same town, or in any other town or place 35 incorporated.

And also that the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and their successors, may and shall have henceforth for ever in the town aforesaid, one other man learned in the laws of England, to be nominated and elected in the form below

itum, in forma inferius in his *praesentibus* [expressa] *nominandum* et eligendum, qui erit et vocabitur 'Communis Clericus' villae praedictae, ad facienda et exequenda omnia et singula recognitiones captas, recognitas, et recognoscendas coram Majore et aliis Justitiariis Pacis villae praedictae, in praesentia praedictorum Majoris et Justitiariorum, et easdem sic captas et recognitas transcribere et in pergamenam redigere, et ad scribendas et intrandas omnes indenturas apprenticiae, et querelas, placita, actiones, ac alia originalia et judicialia brevía et processus quaecunque, et judicia et considerationes superinde, in Curia de Recordo infra villam praedictam, libertates, bundas, et praecinctus ejusdem, et ad ea omnia exequenda ad onus et officium suum designanda, et quae aliquis Communis Clericus infra eandem villam, seu aliquam aliam villam vel burgum incorporatum infra regnum nostrum Angliae, virtute officii illius, exequi possit et valeat; quodque dictus Communis Clericus omnia et singula feoda, regarda, et proficua pro scriptione et intratione praedictis, ac omnia alia feoda et proficua quae ad locum Communis Clerici praedicti [pertinent] habeat et percipiat.<sup>1</sup>

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, constituimus et facimus perquam fidelem et perquam sincere dilectum consanguineum et Consiliarium nostrum Henricum, Ducem de Novo Castro, in legibus hujus Regni nostri Angliae peritum, fore et esse modernum Recordatorem villae praedictae, ad omnia et singula agenda et exequenda, quae ad officium Recordatoris in eadem villa, vel in aliqua alia villa sive loco incorporato infra regnum nostrum Angliae pertinent, continuandum in eodem officio durante bene placito nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum; quodque de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora, post mortem, amotionem vel sursum redditionem praedicti Henrici, Ducis de Novo Castro, bene liceat et licebit Majori, Aldermannis et Comuni Consilio villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium virum discretum et in legibus Angliae peritum eligere et praeficere Recordatorem villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio durante bene placito nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes declaramus quod bene liceat et licebit praedicto Henrico, Duci de Novo Castro, et Recordatori villae

[expressed] in these presents, who shall be and shall be called 'the Common Clerk' of the town aforesaid, to do and execute all and singular the recognizances taken, recognized, and to be recognized before the Mayor and the other Justices of the Peace of the town  
5 aforesaid, in the presence of the aforesaid Mayor and Justices, and to transcribe and enter them on parchment when so taken and recognized, and to write and enter all indentures of apprenticeship, and complaints, pleas, actions, and other original and judicial writs and processes whatsoever, and judgments and decisions thereupon, in the  
10 Court of Record within the town aforesaid, the liberties, bounds, and precincts of the same, and to execute all those things to be designated for his charge and office, and that any Common Clerk may be able and competent to execute, by virtue of his office, within the same town or any other town or incorporated borough within our realm of  
15 England; and that the said Common Clerk shall have and receive all and singular the fees, rewards, and profits for the writing and entering aforesaid, and all other fees and profits that [pertain] to the office of the Common Clerk aforesaid.

We have also assigned, nominated, appointed and made, and do  
20 by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, assign, nominate, appoint, and make our very faithful and very truly beloved cousin and our Councillor Henry, Duke of Newcastle, versed in the laws of this our kingdom of England, to be the present Recorder of the town aforesaid, to do and execute all and singular the things that  
25 pertain to the office of Recorder in the same town, or in any other town or place incorporated within our kingdom of England, to continue in the same office during the pleasure of us, our heirs and successors; and that it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the town aforesaid for the time  
30 being, or the greater part of the same (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), to elect and advance, from time to time and at all times, after the death, amoval, or surrender of the aforesaid Henry, Duke of Newcastle, one other man discreet and learned in the laws of England, to be Recorder of the town aforesaid, to con-  
35 tinue in the same office during the pleasure of us, our heirs and successors; and so as often as the case shall so happen. And moreover we will, and do by these presents declare, that it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Henry, Duke of Newcastle, and for the

<sup>1</sup> *pricipiat*, MS., usual abbreviation for *praecipiat*.

praedictae pro tempore *existenti*, habere, nominare, et facere aliquem alium sufficientem et discretum virum in legibus Angliae eruditum fore et esse Deputatum suum in officii Recordatoris villae praedictae; et quod hujusmodi Deputatus sic factus, nominatus et juratus, habeat et habebit plenam potestatem et auctoritatem, in absentia Recordatoris, in omnibus et singulis officio Recordatoris illius spectantibus<sup>1</sup> sive pertinentibus, ad omnes intentiones et proposita quae Recordator villae praedictae pro tempore existens, virtute praesentium seu aliquarum aliarum literarum patentium progenitorum nostrorum in hac parte factarum, habet, aut habere et exercere possit et debet 10

Assignavimus etiam, nominavimus, constituimus, et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, constituimus, nominamus, et facimus dilectum nobis Radulphum Edge, armigerum, fore et esse modernum communem Clericum villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio durante bene placito nostri, 15 heredum et successorum nostrorum; quodque liceat et licebit Majori et Aldermunnis villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, vel majori parti eorum (quorum Majorem villae praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora, post mortem, amotionem vel sursum-redditionem praedicti 20 Radulphi Edge, unum alium discretum et honestum virum in officium Communis Clerici pro et in eadem villa nominare, eligere, et praeficere, continuandum in eodem officio durante bene placito nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum; et sic de tempore in tempus toties quoties casus sic acciderit. 25

Volumus etiam, et intentionem regiam nostram declaramus, quod nullus Recordator vel Communis Clericus villae praedictae de cetero eligendus sive constituendus intromittat vel intromittant in hujusmodi officio vel officiis, sive eorum alterius respective, antequam approbatus fuerit, vel approbati fuerint, per nos, heredes vel succes- 30 sores nostros, aliquo in praesentibus contento, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacunque in contrarium inde in aliquo non obstantibus.

<sup>2</sup>Et insuper . . . teneantur et habeantur [as at page 190, Vol. II., 'Records'].

Et quod . . . eligantur [as at pages 190-192, *idem*]. 35

Et quod Vicecomites praedicti in forma praedicta eligendi, statim post electionem . . . mittentur [as at page 192, *idem*.]

<sup>1</sup> *spectantibus*,] 'spectand,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> 'Here the charter embodies that of

Henry VI., with slight alterations of small importance.' Note to 'Charters,' p. 115.

Recorder of the town aforesaid for the time being to have, nominate, and make some other sufficient and discreet man learned in the laws of England to be his Deputy in the office of Recorder of the town aforesaid; and that such Deputy so made, nominated, and sworn,  
5 may and shall have full power and authority, in the absence of the Recorder, in all and singular the things relating or pertaining to the office of such Recorder, for all intents and purposes that the Recorder of the town aforesaid for the time being has, or may or should have and exercise, by virtue of these presents, or of any other letters  
10 patent of our progenitors made in this behalf.

We have also assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, assign, constitute, nominate, and make our beloved Ralph Edge, esquire, to be the present Common Clerk of the town aforesaid, to continue in the  
15 same office during the pleasure of us, our heirs and successors; and that it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor and Aldermen of the town aforesaid for the time being, or for the greater part of them (of whom we will the Mayor of the town aforesaid for the time being to be one), from time to time and at all times after the death, amoval,  
20 or surrender of the aforesaid Ralph Edge, to nominate, elect, and advance one other discreet and honest man to the office of Common Clerk for and in the same town, to continue in the same office during the pleasure of us, our heirs and successors; and so from time to time as often as the case shall so happen.

25 We also will, and do declare our royal intention, that no Recorder or Common Clerk of the town aforesaid to be hereafter elected or appointed shall intermeddle in such office or offices, or either of them respectively, before he or they be approved by us, our heirs or successors, anything in these presents contained, or any other thing,  
30 cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary therein in any wise notwithstanding.

<sup>2</sup>And furthermore . . . . Nottingham by itself for ever [*as at page 191, Vol. II., 'Records'*].

And that the said present Burgesses . . . . for the year then  
35 next to come [*as at pages 191-193, idem*].

And that the Sheriffs aforesaid to be chosen in form aforesaid, immediately after election . . . . next following such election . . . . shall be sent [*as at page 193, idem*].

Et quod Johannes Malyn et Johannes Whitby sint et erunt<sup>1</sup> primi et moderni Vicecomites, continuandi in officio illo usque praedictam festum Sancti Michaëlis Archangeli proximo futurum, et abinde quousque alii electi et praefecti fuerint secundum tenorem et effectum harum literarum patentium nostrarum.

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Et quod tam quilibet Burgensis . . . . deberent [as at pages 192-194, Vol. II., 'Records'].<sup>2</sup>

Et quod iidem nunc Burgenses . . . . intromittat [as at pages 194-196, *idem*, with slight alterations].

Et quod dicti Escaetor et Vicecomites . . . . certificetur [as at<sup>10</sup> pages 196-198, *idem*].

Concessimus etiam . . . . quorumcunque [as at pages 198-200, *idem*].

Et ulterius, ex mero motu et certa scientia nostris praedictis, concessimus pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, praefatis Majori,<sup>15</sup> Aldermannis et Burgensibus dictae villae de Nottingham, ac eorum successoribus imperpetuum, quod praedictus Gervasius Wyld et quilibet succedens Major, postquam ab officio Majoris amotus erit, unus erit, et continuabit unus, ex sex Aldermannis praedictis. Et quod Major et Aldermanni . . . . sint Justitiiarii nostri . . . . qualiter-<sup>20</sup> cunque in futurum [as at pages 200-202, Vol. II., 'Records'].

Concessimus insuper . . . . successores suos non obstante [as at pages 202-206, *idem*].

Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, concedimus et confirmamus praefatis Majori,<sup>25</sup> Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, omnia et singula eadem, hujusmodi, et consimilia messuagia, terras, tenementa et hereditamenta, necnon omnia et singula eadem et hujusmodi libertates, privilegia, franchises, nundinas, mercata, ferias, fines, amerciamenta, proficua, commoditates, consuetudines, immunit-<sup>30</sup> ates, quietantias, exemptiones, jura et jurisdictiones quaecunque, quae Major, Aldermanni, et Burgenses villae praedictae, aut aliqui praedecessores sui, per quaecunque nomina, vel per quodcunque nomen, vel per quamcunque incorporationem, vel praetextu cujuscunque incorporationis, modo vel antehac habuerunt, tenuerunt, usi vel gavis<sup>35</sup> fuerunt, aut habere, tenere, uti vel gaudere debuerunt, habuit, tenuit, usus vel gavisus fuit, debuit aut debuerunt, eis et successoribus suis, ratione seu praetextu aliquarum cartarum aut literarum patentium aliquorum progenitorum seu antecessorum nostrorum, nuper Regum

And that John Malin and John Whitby may and shall be the first and present Sheriffs, to continue in that office until the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next to come, and from then until two others be elected and advanced according to the tenor and  
5 effect of these our letters patent.

And that as well each Burgess . . . within the same our realm [*as at pages 193-195, Vol. II., 'Records'*].

And that the same present Burgesses . . . except as before excepted [*as at pages 195-197, idem, with slight alterations*].

10 And that the said Escheator . . . of the name of the Escheator of that town [*as at pages 197-199, idem*].

We have also granted . . . officers whatsoever [*as at pages 199-201 idem*].

And moreover, of our mere motion and certain knowledge afore-  
15 said, we have granted for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said town of Nottingham, and to their successors for ever, that the aforesaid Gervase Wild and each succeeding Mayor, after he be amoved from the office of Mayor, shall be, and shall continue to be, one of the six Aldermen aforesaid.  
20 And that the Mayor and Aldermen . . . shall be Justices . . . the town and liberty aforesaid [*as at pages 201-203, idem*].

We have moreover granted . . . their successors [*as at pages 203-207, idem*].

And moreover, of our more ample especial grace, and of our  
25 certain knowledge and mere motion, we do grant and confirm to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, all and singular the same, such, and the like messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, as well as all and singular the same and such liberties, privileges, franchises, fairs,  
30 markets, fairs, fines, amercements, profits, commodities, customs, immunities, acquittances, exemptions, rights, and jurisdictions whatsoever, as the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or any of their predecessors, had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, used, or enjoyed by whatsoever names, or by what-  
35 soever name, or by whatsoever incorporation, or by pretext of what-

<sup>1</sup> *erunt*,] 'erint,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> 'The Roll reads after *steterit*, "et nullo tempore Vicecomites ejusdem villae . . . easdem [habeant] potestatem . . . debent seu debebunt." The scribe has

obviously omitted the four lines that follow *nullo tempore*, and has thus merged two separate clauses.' Note to 'Charters,' p. 114.

vel *Reginarum Angliae*, quoquo modo antehac *factarum*, confirmat-  
*arum*, vel *concessarum*, aut *praetextu* alicujus *praescriptionis*, usus,  
 seu *consuetudinis*, seu quocunque alio legali modo, jure, seu titulo  
 antehac *habitarum*, *usitatarum*, seu *consuetarum*, excepta una feria 5  
*ibidem* tenta, et teneri consueti, in et super festum *sancti Mathiae* *Apostoli*. Et ulterius volumus, et per *praesentes pro nobis*, heredibus  
 et successoribus nostris, concedimus *praefatis* Majori, Aldermannis et  
 Burgensibus villae de Nottingham *praedictae*, et successoribus suis  
*imperpetuum*, quod ipsi et successores sui habeant, teneant et cus-  
 todiant infra eandem villam, loco *praedictae* feriae *ibidem* antehac 10  
*tentae* in et super *praedictum* festum *Sancti Mathiae Apostoli*, annu-  
 atim *imperpetuum* quolibet anno duas<sup>1</sup> novas ferias sive nundinas,  
 prima earundem *feriarum* incipiente in et super *vicesimum ter-*  
*tium* diem Aprilis quolibet anno, et secunda feria *praedictarum*  
*feriarum* sive *nundinarum* incipiente in et super *primum* diem 15  
*Novembris* quolibet anno, nisi aliquis *praedictorum* dierum acciderit  
 esse Dies Dominicus, et tunc in et super Diem Lunae proximo  
 sequentem, et quaelibet feria illa per octo dies duratura; unacumque  
 Curia Pedis Pulverizati *ibidem* tempore earundem *feriarum* et *nund-*  
*inarum* respective tenenda, et omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuet- 20  
*udinibus* ad hujusmodi Curiam pertinentibus; simul cum tollneto,  
*stallagio*, *piccagio*, finibus, et *amerciamentis*, ac omnibus aliis pro-  
 ficuis, commoditatibus, et emolumentis de hujusmodi feriis, nundinis,  
 et Curia Pedis Pulverizati *provenientibus*, *incidentibus*, *emergentibus*,  
 seu *contingentibus*, ac cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuet- 25  
*udinibus* ad hujusmodi ferias, nundinas, et Curiam Pedis Pulverizati  
*pertinentibus* vel *spectantibus*; ita tamen quod *praedictae* feriae sive  
*nundinae* non sint, seu earum<sup>2</sup> altera, non sit ad nocumentum ali-  
 quarum aliarum *feriarum* sive *nundinarum*: habenda, tenenda et  
 gaudenda omnia et singula eadem terras, tenementa, hereditamenta, 30  
*libertates*, *privilegia*, *franchlesias*, jura, et cetera *praemissa* eisdem  
 Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae *praedictae*, et successoribus  
 suis *imperpetuum*; reddendo inde nobis, heredibus et successoribus  
 nostris, talia, eadem, hujusmodi, et consimilia redditus, servitia, denari-  
 orum summas, et tenuras quae proinde nobis antehac reddiderunt, 35  
 seu solvere consueverunt et de jure debuerunt.

Volumus etiam, et pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris,  
 concedimus *praefatis* Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae *prae-*  
*dictae*, et successoribus suis, per *praesentes*, quod habeant, teneant,

soever incorporation, to them and to their successors, by reason or pretext of any charters or letters patent of any of our progenitors or ancestors, late Kings or Queens of England, in any wise heretofore made, confirmed, or granted, or by pretext of any prescription, use, 5 or custom, or by any other lawful manner, right, or title heretofore had, used, or accustomed, with the exception of a fair held and accustomed to be held in the same place, in and upon the feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle. And moreover we will, and do grant by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid 10 Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid, and to their successors for ever, that they and their successors shall have, hold, and keep within the same town, in lieu of the aforesaid fair heretofore held there in and upon the aforesaid feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle, two new fairs annually for ever every 15 year, the first of such fairs beginning in and upon the twenty-third day of April in every year, and the second fair of the aforesaid fairs beginning in and upon the first day of November in every year, unless any of the aforesaid days shall happen to be a Sunday, and then in and upon the Monday next following, and each such fair to 20 last for eight days; together with a Court of Piepowder there to be held at the time of the same fairs respectively, and with all liberties and free customs pertaining to such Court; together with toll, stallage, pickage, fines, and amercements, and all other profits, commodities, and emoluments coming from, incidental to, arising, or 25 happening from such fairs and Court of Piepowder, and with all liberties and free customs pertaining or belonging to such fairs and Court of Piepowder: provided that the aforesaid fairs, or either of them, shall not be to the damage of any other fairs: to have, hold, and enjoy all and singular the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, 30 liberties, privileges, franchises, rights and other the premises to the same Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors for ever; rendering therefor to us, our heirs and successors, such, the same, the like, and similar rents, services, sums of money, and tenures as they have heretofore rendered therefor to 35 us, or have been wont and ought of right to pay.

We also will, and do grant for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that they may have, hold,

<sup>1</sup> *duas*,] 'duos,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *earum*,] 'eor.,' MS.

utantur, et gaudeant, et plene habere, tenere, uti, et gaudere possint et valeant imperpetuum omnes libertates, liberas consuetudines, privilegia, auctoritates et quietantias praedictas, secundum tenorem et effectum harum literarum nostrarum patentium, sine occasione<sup>1</sup> vel impedimento nostri, heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcumque; nolentes<sup>2</sup> quod iidem Major, Aldermanni et Burgenses villae praedictae ratione praemissorum, seu eorum alicujus, per nos, vel heredes seu successores nostros, justitios, Vicecomites, escaetores, et alios Ballivos seu ministros nostros, heredum seu successorum nostrorum quorumcumque, inde occasionentur, molestentur, vexentur, 10 graventur, seu in aliquo perturbentur.

Proviso semper, et volumus ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, ordinamus et firmiter injungendo praecipimus, quod Major, Aldermanni et ceteri omnes officarii praeantea mentionati et modo constituti sive confirmati, seu constituendi, antequam ipsi ad 15 executionem sive exercitium officii sive officiorum, loci vel locorum, cui vel quibus sic respective nominati, appunctuati, sive constituti modo existunt, aut imposterum nominati, electi, sive constituti fuerint, admittantur, aut aliquo modo in ea parte intromittant, seu eorum aliquis respective intromittat, tam sacramentum corporale communiter vocatum 20 'The Oath of Obedience,' quam sacramentum corporale communiter vocatum, 'The Oath of Supremacy' super sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliiis praestabunt, et quilibet eorum praestabit, et omnia alia<sup>3</sup> sacramenta, declarationes et subscriptiones praestabunt et facient, et quilibet eorum praestabit et faciet, qualia per leges et Statuta hujus regni 25 Angliae praestare et facere debent, seu debet, coram tali persona seu talibus personis quales et quae ad hujusmodi sacramenta danda et praestanda, et declarationes et subscriptiones recipiendas per legem et Statuta hujus regni nostri Angliae ad praesens appunctuantur et designantur, aut imposterum appunctuatae et designatae fuerit vel 30 fuerint. Et quod praedictus Gervasius Wild, antequam ad officia Majoris, Aldermanni, et Justitiarum Pacis, aut eorum alterius, admittatur, sacramentum suum ad officia illa respective<sup>4</sup> bene et fideliter exequenda coram praefatis Radulpho Edge, Christophero Hall, Johanne Parker et Gervasio Rippon, vel aliquibus duobus vel pluribus eorum praestabit: 35 quibus quidem Radulpho Edge, Christophero Hall, Johanni Parker et Gervasio Rippon administrandi tale sacramentum plenam potestatem, et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes.

<sup>1</sup> occasione,] 'accacone,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> nolentes,] 'volentes,' MS.

use, and enjoy, and may and shall be able to fully have, hold, use, and enjoy for ever all the liberties, free customs, privileges, authorities, and acquittances aforesaid, according to the tenor and effect of these our letters patent, without let or impediment from us, our heirs  
 5 or successors whatsoever; we being unwilling that the same Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid should be hindered, molested, vexed, aggrieved, or in any wise disturbed therein by reason of the premises, or any of them, by us, or our heirs or successors, justices, Sheriffs, escheators, and other Bailiffs or ministers of  
 10 us, our heirs or successors whatsoever.

Provided always, and we will and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and firmly enjoining command that the Mayor, Aldermen, and all the other officers previously mentioned and now constituted or confirmed, or to be constituted, before they  
 15 be admitted to the execution or exercise of the office or offices, place or places, to which they are now thus respectively nominated, appointed, or constituted, or shall be hereafter nominated, elected, or constituted, or before they, or anyone of them, intermeddle in any wise in that behalf, shall take, and each of them shall take, as well  
 20 the bodily oath commonly called 'the Oath of Obedience,' as the bodily oath commonly called 'the Oath of Supremacy' upon the holy Gospels of God, and shall take and make, and each of them shall take and make, all such other oaths, declarations, and subscriptions as by the laws and Statutes of this Kingdom of England they,  
 25 or he, ought to take and make, before such person or such persons as are at present appointed and designated by the law and Statutes of this our realm of England to give and administer such oaths and to receive such declarations and subscriptions, or as shall be hereafter appointed and designated. And that the aforesaid Gervase Wild,  
 30 before he be admitted to the offices of Mayor, Alderman, and Justice of the Peace, or either of them, shall take his oath before the aforesaid Ralph Edge, Christopher Hall, John Parker, and Gervase Rippon, or any two or more of them, well and faithfully to execute those offices respectively: to which Ralph Edge, Christopher Hall,  
 35 John Parker, and Gervase Rippon we give and grant by these presents full power and authority to administer such oath.

<sup>3</sup> 'al.,' MS. In the printed Charters this reads 'ad,' and is translated accordingly.

<sup>4</sup> *respective,*] omitted in the charter printed in the volume of 'Charters.'

Damus etiam, et *per praesentes* concedimus, *praefatis* Gervasio Wyld, et cuilibet succedenti Majori, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem sacramenta praestandi omnibus et singulis Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, et aliis officiariis et Burgensibus villae praedictae modo constitutis, et de cetero imposterum constituendis, ad officia sua respective bene 5 et fideliter exequenda, prout antehac usitatum et consuetum fuerit infra eandem villam ante confectionem harum literarum nostrarum patentium.<sup>1</sup>

Volumus etiam, ac *per praesentes pro nobis*, heredibus et successoribus nostris, damus et concedimus Majori, Aldermannis et Burg- 10 ensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem et auctoritatem condendi, constituendi, ordinandi et stabiliendi de tempore in tempus hujusmodi leges, statuta, jura, ordinationes et constitutiones rationabilia quaecunque, quae eisdem Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praec- 15 dictae, vel majori parti eorum (quorum Majorem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), bona, utilia, honesta, et necessaria, juxta eorum sanas discretionem, fore videbuntur pro bono regimine et gubernatione Majoris, Aldermannorum et Burgensium villae praedictae pro tempore existentium, ac omnium officiariorum, ministrorum, 20 artificum, inhabitantium, et residentium infra villam praedictam, libertates et praecinctus ejusdem: proviso semper, quod leges, statuta, jura, ordinationes, et constitutiones praedicta non sint repugnantia nec contraria legibus hujus regni nostri Angliae.

In cujus rei, etc. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo 25 octavo die Septembris.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

4209.

# XI.—*Extracts from Presentments at the Sessions.*

*Circa 1687.*<sup>2</sup>

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet.—Juratores, etc., super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Willelmus Bell, nuper de Nottinghamia, laborer, primo die Septembris, anno regni, etc., [tertio ?] vi et armis, 30 apud Nottinghamiam praedictam, quoddam<sup>3</sup> pomarium (Anglice, ‘*an orchard*’), Dominae Annae Pierponte, viduae, de villa Nottinghamiae praedicta, vi et armis,<sup>4</sup> etc., fregit et intravit, et multa poma (Anglice,

<sup>1</sup> So in the printed volume of Charters, and it appears a better reading than that of the MS. copy, ‘*pr’sentae*’=‘*present*.’

<sup>2</sup> The presentment which follows is undated, but is rolled up with other presentments of the first, second, and third

We also give, and do by these presents grant to the aforesaid Gervase Wyld, and to each succeeding Mayor, full power and authority to administer the oaths to all and singular the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and other officers and Burgesses of the town aforesaid now  
 5 appointed, and henceforth to be appointed hereafter, well and faithfully to execute their offices respectively, as has been hitherto used and accustomed within the same town before the making of these our letters patent.

We also will, and by these presents do give and grant for us, our  
 10 heirs and successors, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, that they and their successors may and shall have full power and authority to frame, constitute, ordain, and establish from time to time such reasonable laws, statutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions whatsoever as to the  
 15 same Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or to the majority of them (of whom we will the Mayor for the time being to be one), shall, according to their sound discretions, seem to be good, useful, befitting, and necessary for the good rule and government of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the  
 20 time being, and of all the officers, ministers, artificers, inhabitants, and residents within the town aforesaid, the liberties and precincts of the same: provided always that the laws, statutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions aforesaid be not repugnant nor contrary to the laws of this our kingdom of England.

25 In witness whereof, etc. Witness the King at Westminster, the twenty-eighth day of September. By Writ of Privy Seal.

4209.

# XI.—*Extracts from Presentments at the Sessions.*

*Circa 1687.<sup>2</sup>*

Town of Nottingham, to wit.—The Jurors, etc., upon their oath present, that William Bell, late of Nottingham, *laborer*, on the first day  
 30 of September, in the [third ?] year of the reign, etc., with force and arms, at Nottingham aforesaid, feloniously did break and enter, with force and arms,<sup>4</sup> etc., a certain orchard (in English, '*an orchard*') of Lady Anne Pierrepont, widow, of the town of Nottingham aforesaid,

years of the reign of James II., and most probably belongs to the latter.

<sup>3</sup> *quoddam*,] '*quendam*,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> This repetition is in the original.

'apples') et alios fructus (Anglice, '*other fruites*'), super arbores in dicto pomario tunc et ibidem crescentes,<sup>1</sup> vi et armis, etc., felonice cepit, collegit, et asportavit, ad damnum ipsius Dominae Annae Piereponte trium denariorum,<sup>2</sup> contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coronam et dignitatum suas.

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Robertus Jackson }  
Johannes Crampton } jurati in Curia.

90<sup>a</sup> ro. 47.

1688.

Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet.—Juratores pro Domino Rege super sacramentum suum praesentant, quod Johannes Hinde, de villa et 10 Comitatu villae Nottinghamiae, *blacksmith*, vicesimo nono die Novembris, Anno regni Domini nostri Jacobi Secundi, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hyberniae, Regis, Fidei Defensoris, etc., quarto,<sup>3</sup> vi et armis, etc., apud villam Nottinghamiae praedictae, duas sclopetas<sup>4</sup> (Anglice, '*two pistols*'), et unum fibrinum galerum (Anglice, 15 '*a beaver hatt*'), ad valentiam decem denariorum, de bonis et catallis cujusdam Domini Gray, adtunc et ibidem inventis, adtunc et ibidem felonice furatus [fuit], cepit, et asportavit, contra pacem dicti Domini Regis, coronam<sup>5</sup> et dignitatem suas.

Juratus in Curia: Antonius Blackley. 20

91, ro. 9.

XII.—*Charter of King James II.*

1688, September 1.

<sup>6</sup>Rex omnibus, ad quos, etc.

Sciatis, quod nos augmentationem [*etc., as in Charter of Charles II., third paragraph*<sup>7</sup>].

[*George Langford, esquire, created Mayor. The said George Langford, Thomas Smith, John Hawkins, Charles Harvey, Joseph Turpin, Thomas Collins and John Hides, gentlemen, to be Aldermen.*]

<sup>1</sup> *crescentes*,] 'cressen,' MS.<sup>2</sup> *denariorum*,] 'danar,' MS.<sup>3</sup> Thursday, November 29, 1688.<sup>4</sup> sclopetum or sclopetas = Gall. *Escopette*.<sup>5</sup> *coronam*,] 'coronem,' MS.<sup>6</sup> The original of this charter has not been preserved. It was, like that of

Charles II., cancelled by the charter of William and Mary, and was probably then destroyed. It is here printed from a copy on paper, and the contractions are indicated by italics as in the last charter.

<sup>7</sup> 'From here, the charter is practically a repetition of that of Charles II., but the clauses are arranged in different order, and

and with force and arms feloniously did steal, pluck, and carry away many apples (in English, '*apples*'), and other fruits (in English, '*other fruites*'), then and there growing upon the trees in the said orchard, to the damage of the said Lady Anne Pierrepont of three  
 5 pence; against the peace of the said present Lord King, his crown and dignity.

Robert Jackson }  
 John Crampton } sworn in Court.

90<sup>a</sup> ro. 47.

1688.

10 Town of Nottingham, to wit.—The Jurors for the Lord King upon their oath present, that John Hind, of the town and County of the town of Nottingham, *blacksmith*, on the twenty-ninth day of November, in the fourth year of the reign of our Lord James the Second, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France  
 15 and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,<sup>3</sup> etc., with force and arms, etc., at the town of Nottingham aforesaid, two pistols (in English, '*two pistols*'), and a beaver hat (in English, '*a beaver hatt*'), to the value of ten pence, of the goods and chattels of one Lord Gray, then and there found, then and there feloniously did steal, take, and carry  
 20 away, against the peace of the said Lord King, his crown and dignity.

Sworn in Court: Anthony Blackley.

91, ro. 9.

## XII.—*Charter of King James II.*

1688, September 1.

<sup>6</sup>The King to all to whom, etc.

Know ye that we desiring [*etc., as in Charter of Charles II., third*  
 25 *paragraph*].

[*George Langford, esquire, created Mayor. The said George Langford, Thomas Smith, John Hawkins, Charles Harvey, Joseph Turpin, Thomas Collins, and John Hides, gentlemen, to be Aldermen.*]

are rendered more concise. Occasionally they are entirely recast; but the differences in intent are so slight that it is unnecessary to print the charter in full. The differences are of detail, not of constitution. The only important change is the addition to the provisos for the amoval of the various officers of the Corporation of the clause

*vel modo et forma inferius mentionata* (i.e., unless they be amoved for the reasons stated in the Charter of Charles II., "or in the manner and form below mentioned"). The reference is to the power reserved in this charter to the King to remove any of the officers of the Corporation.' (Mr. Stevenson's note.)

[*John Nevill, John Barrodale, Richard Knight, Robert Marshall, William Burrowes, Joseph James, Thomas Pool, Benjamin Holmes, Abraham Metcalfe, John Crispe, John Welch, Samuel Smith, Joseph Boot, John Huthwait, William Moore, Samuel Rhodes, Roger Hawkesley and Joseph Sills to be the eighteen Chief Councillors.*]

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[*William Cockle, Caleb Wilkinson, William Orme, William Baines, William Bellfin and John France to be Councillors.*]

[*Thomas Cooke and Samuel Watkinson to be Chamberlains.*]

[*Henry, Duke of Newcastle, to be Recorder.*]

[*Charles Bawdes, esquire, to be Common Clerk.*]

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[*John Nevill and John Borradale to be Coroners.*]

[*Joseph Boot and John Huthwaite to be Sheriffs.*]

[*Grant of all rights, immunities, lands, tenements, etc., heretofore held by the Mayor and Burgesses*], exceptis duabus feriis per praecharissimum fratrem nostrum Dominum Carolum Secundum, nuper 15 Regem Angliae per literas suas patentes sub magno sigillo Angliae confectas, gerentes datum 'vicesimo octavo die Septembris, anno regni' sui 'tricesimo quarto,' nuper Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, concessis, tenendis apud villam praedictam in et super vicesimum tertium diem Aprilis et 20 primum diem Novembris in quolibet anno, et per septem dies post quemlibet dierum praedictorum; quas quidem duas ferias exnunc abolendas ordinamus et constituimus; et in loco praedictarum feriarum, damus et per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus modo Majori, Aldermannis et Burgensibus villae 25 praedictae, et successoribus suis imperpetuum, duas alias ferias sive nundinas apud villam praedictam annuatim tenendas, videlicet, unam feriam sive nundinam in festo Sancti Mathaei Apostoli et per septem dies dictum festum immediate sequentes, et alteram<sup>1</sup> feriarum sive nundinarum in festo Sancti Matthiae Apostoli et per septem dies 30 dictum festum immediate sequentes quolibet anno imperpetuum.

[*Grant of Court of Piepowder, of tolls, etc., during the same fairs.*]

Proviso semper, ac plenam potestatem et auctoritatem nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, per praesentes reservamus, de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora imposterum, ad Majorem, 35 Recordatorem, Communem Clericum, aliquem vel aliquos de Aldermannis, Capitalibus Consiliariis, Consiliariis, Coronatoribus, Vicecomitibus et Camerariis villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, ad libitum vel beneplacitum nostrum, heredum et successorum nost-

[*John Nevill, John Barrodale, Richard Knight, Robert Marshall, William Burrows, Joseph James, Thomas Pool, Benjamin Holmes, Abraham Metcalfe, John Crispe, John Welch, Samuel Smith, Joseph Boot, John Huthwait, William Moore, Samuel Rhodes, Roger Hawkesley and Joseph Sills to be the eighteen Chief Councillors.*]

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[*Henry, Duke of Newcastle, to be Recorder.*]

10 [Charles Bawdes, esquire, to be Common Clerk.]

[*John Nevill and John Borradale to be Coroners.*]

[*Joseph Boot and John Huthwait to be Sheriffs.*]

[*Grant of all rights, immunities, lands, tenements, etc., heretofore held by the Mayor and Burgesses*], excepting two fairs granted by our  
 15 very dear brother, the Lord Charles the Second, late King of England, by his letters patent made under the great seal of England, bearing date, 'the twenty-eighth day of September, in the thirty-fourth year of his reign,' to the late Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and their successors, to be holden at the town  
 20 aforesaid in and upon the twenty-third day of April and the first day of November in every year, and for seven days after each of the aforesaid days; which two fairs we ordain and appoint to be henceforth abolished; and in lieu of the aforesaid fairs, we give and do by these presents grant for us, our heirs and successors, to the present  
 25 Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors for ever, two other fairs to be holden annually at the town aforesaid, to wit, one fair in the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle and for seven days immediately following the said feast, and another fair in the feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle, and for seven days  
 30 immediately following the said feast every year for ever. [*Grant of Court of Piepowder, of tolls, etc., during the same fairs.*]

Provided always, and by these presents we do reserve full power and authority to us, our heirs and successors, from time to time and at all times hereafter, to amove and declare to be amoved, the Mayor,  
 35 Recorder, Common Clerk, any one or more of the Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, Coroners, Sheriffs, and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being at the will or pleasure of us, our heirs and successors, by any order of us, or our heirs or successors,

<sup>1</sup> *alteram,*] 'altern.,' MS.

rorum, in Privato Consilio factum et sub sigillo Privati Consilii prae-  
 dicti eisdem respective significatum, amovendos et amotum et amotos  
 esse declarandos; et quoties nos, heredes vel successores nostri, per  
 aliquem talem ordinem in Privato Consilio factum declarabimus  
 hujusmodi Majorem, Recordatorem, Communem Clericum, aliquem 5  
 vel aliquos de Aldermannis, Capitalibus Consiliariis, Consiliariis,  
 Coronatoribus, Vicecomitibus et Camerariis villae praedictae pro  
 tempore existentibus, seu eorum aliquem vel aliquos, fore et esse  
 amotum et amotos a respectivis officiis suis, quod tunc et extunc  
 Major, Recordator, Communis Clericus, Aldermannus vel Alder- 10  
 manni, Capitales Consilarii, Consilarii, Coronatores, Vicecomites et  
 Camerarii villae praedictae pro tempore existentes sic amotum vel  
 amotos esse declarati vel declarandi, a separalibus et respectivis  
 officiis suis ipso facto et sine ullo ulteriori processu realiter et ad  
 omnia intentiones et proposita quaecunque amoti sint et erunt,<sup>1</sup> et 15  
 amotus sit et erit; et hoc quoties casus sic acciderit, aliquo in con-  
 trarium inde non obstante; ac adtunc et in tali casu, infra conveniens  
 tempus post hujusmodi amotionem vel amotiones, alia idonea persona  
 vel idoneae personae in locum et officium, sive loca respectiva vel  
 officia, hujusmodi personae vel personarum sic amotae vel amotarum 20  
 eligetur et constituetur, eligentur et constituentur, et eligi et constitui  
 possit et possint, secundum tenorem et appunctuationem harum liter-  
 arum patentium.

Volumus etiam, quod si aliquando imposterum, infra viginti dies  
 post hujusmodi amotionem vel amotiones Majoris, Recordatoris, 25  
 Aldermannorum, Capitalium Consiliariorum, Consiliariorum, Coronat-  
 orum, Vicecomitum, et Camerariorum villae praedictae pro tempore  
 existentium, alicujus vel aliquorum eorum, ab officiis suis respectivis,  
 aut post-mortem eorundem, vel aliquorum eorum, nos, heredes, vel  
 successores nostri, per literas mandatorias sub sigillo vel signeto 30  
 manuali nostro, heredum vel successorum nostrorum, Majori, Alder-  
 mannis, et Burgensibus villae praedictae pro tempore existentibus, vel  
 aliquibus eorum, praeceperimus eligere et admittere et pirare aliquam  
 [personam] vel aliquas personas in eisdem literis mandatoriis nomin-  
 atas ad et in separalia respectiva officia et loca, officium vel locum, 35  
 alicujus personae vel personarum sic amotae vel amotarum, quod tunc  
 et toties quaelibet persona sic nominata in talibus literis mandatoriis  
 eligetur, admittetur, et juretur in locum sive officium in villa prae-  
 dicta in vel ad quod per tales literas mandatorias nostras nominata et

made in the Privy Council and signified under the seal of the Privy Council aforesaid to the same respectively ; and as often as we, our heirs or successors, shall declare, by any such Order made in Privy Council, such Mayor, Recorder, Common Clerk, any one or more of  
 5 the Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, Coroners, Sheriffs, and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being, or any one or more of them, to be amoved from their respective offices, that then and thereupon the Mayor, Recorder, Common Clerk, Alderman or Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, Coroners, Sheriffs, and  
 10 Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being so declared, or to be declared, to be amoved, may and shall be, by the very act itself, and without any further process, really, and for all intents and purposes whatsoever, amoved, and each of them shall be amoved, from their several and respective offices ; and this so often as the case  
 15 shall so happen, anything to the contrary thereof notwithstanding ; and that then, and in such case, within a convenient time after such amoval or amovals, another competent person or other competent persons shall be elected and appointed, and may be elected and appointed, according to the tenor and appointment of these letters  
 20 patent, to the place and office, or respective places or offices, of such person or persons so amoved.

We also will, that if at any time hereafter, within twenty days after such amoval or amovals of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Chief Councillors, Councillors, Coroners, Sheriffs, and Chamberlains  
 25 of the town aforesaid for the time being, any one or more of them, from their respective offices, or after the death of them or any of them, we, our heirs or successors, shall, by letters mandatory under the seal or signet of us, our heirs or successors, enjoin the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the town aforesaid for the time being, or  
 30 any of them, to elect and admit and swear any [person] or persons named in the same letters mandatory to and in the several respective offices and places, office or place, of any person or persons so amoved, then and so often each person so named in such letters mandatory shall be elected, admitted, and sworn to the place or office in the  
 35 town aforesaid in or to which he shall be named and appointed by such our letters mandatory ; and that every election or admission to

appunctuata erit; et quod quaelibet electio sive admissio habenda contra tenorem harum praesentium aut contra exigentiam talium literarum patentium vacua et nullius vigoris erit.

[Grant to the officers above named and their successors of exemption from taking the Oaths of Supremacy and of Allegiance or Obedience, 5 the oath prescribed in the Statute 13 Charles II., entitled, 'An Act for the well governing and regulating of Corporations,' and from receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the rites of the Church of England or the directions of any Canons or Statutes of the realm of England, and from taking and subscribing the declarations contained 10 in the above Statute of 13 Charles II.; and from subscribing the declarations contained in the Statute 25 Charles II., entitled 'An Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants'; and from all oaths, declarations, etc., contained or mentioned in the said Statutes, and from all pains and penalties incurred by their not taking 15 such oaths, declarations, etc. They are also granted full power to exercise their offices without taking such oaths, declarations, sacraments, etc., as fully as if they had taken them.]

Volumus denique, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, ordinamus et declaramus, quod nullus Recordator 20 vel Communis Clericus villae praedictae de cetero eligendus sive constituendus, ad executionem officii sui respective admittatur, nisi approbatio et consensus noster, heredum vel successorum nostrorum, sub sigillo et signeto manuali [nostro], ac heredum vel successorum nostrorum, in ea parte prius significabitur, aliquo in praesentibus 25 contento aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia, quacunque in contrarium non obstante.

In cujus rei etc. Teste Rege, apud Westmonasterium, primo die Septembris.

Per ipsum Regem.

Rot. Litt. Patent., 4 Jac. II., pars. 18, m. 17. 4212. 30

### XIII.—Charter of William and Mary.

1692, October 19.

GULIELMUS et MARIA, Dei gratia, Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Rex et Regina, Fidei Defensores, etc., omnibus ad quos praesentes literae nostrae pervenerint, salutem.

Inspeximus quasdam literas patentes sub magno sigillo Angliae gerentes datam apud Westmonasterium, duodecimo die Februarii, 35

be had against the tenor of these presents or against the requirement of such letters patent shall be void and of no force.

[*Grant to the officers above-named and their successors of exemption from taking the Oaths of Supremacy and of Allegiance or Obedience, 5 the oath prescribed in the Statute 13 Charles II., entitled, 'An Act for the well governing and regulating of Corporations,' and from receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the rites of the Church of England or the directions of any Canons or Statutes of the realm of England, and from taking and subscribing the declarations 10 contained in the above Statute of 13 Charles II.; and from subscribing the declarations contained in the Statute 25 Charles II., entitled, 'An Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants'; and from all oaths, declarations, etc., contained or mentioned in the said Statutes; and from all pains and penalties incurred by their not taking 15 such oaths, declarations, etc. They are also granted full power to exercise their offices without taking such oaths, declarations, sacrament, etc., as fully as if they had taken them.*]

We will, finally, and do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and declare that no Recorder or Common Clerk of 20 the town aforesaid to be hereafter elected or appointed shall be respectively admitted to the execution of their office, unless the approval and consent of us, our heirs or successors, in that behalf shall be first signified under the seal and sign manual [of us], and our heirs or successors, anything in these presents contained or any other 25 thing, cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

In witness, etc. Witness the King, at Westminster, the first day of September.

By the King himself.

Patent Roll, 4 James II., part 18, m. 17. 4212.

### XIII.—*Charter of William and Mary.*

1692, October 19.

WILLIAM and MARY, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, 30 France, and Ireland King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, etc., to all to whom our present letters shall come, greeting.

We have inspected certain letters patent under the great seal of England bearing date at Westminster, the twelfth day of February, in the year of the reign of the late King James of England, France,

anno regni nuper Regis Jacobi Angliae, Franciae et Hiberniae vice-  
 simo et Scotiae quinquagesimo sexto factas et concessas Majori et  
 Burgensibus villae Notyngnam in haec verba: 'JACOBUS, Dei gratia,'  
 etc. [*reciting exemplification by James I. of Charter of Henry VI.,*  
*'Records,' Vol. II., pp. 186-208<sup>1</sup>].*

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Nos autem omnia et singula franchisesias, libertates, privilegia,  
 quietantias, immunitates, concessionones, confirmationes et restitutiones  
 praedicta, rata habentes et grata,<sup>2</sup> [ea] pro nobis, heredibus, et suc-  
 cessoribus nostris, quantum in nobis est, acceptamus, approbamus, et  
 ratificamus, ac omnia et singula franchisesias, libertates, privilegia,<sup>10</sup>  
 quietantias, et immunitates praedicta dilectis nobis Majori et Burg-  
 ensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, tenore praesentium  
 concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartae praedictae rationabiliter  
 testantur, et prout iidem Major et Burgenses ejusdem villae Notyng-  
 ham, vel praedecessores sui, unquam franchisesiis, libertatibus, privi-<sup>15</sup>  
 legiis, quietantiis, et immunitatibus praedictis uti et gaudere debent,  
 potuerunt, seu debuerunt, licet dicti Major et Burgenses ejusdem  
 villae vel praedecessores sui franchisesiis, libertatibus, privilegiis, quiet-  
 antiis, et immunitatibus<sup>3</sup> praedictis, seu eorum aliquo vel aliquibus  
 abusi vel non usi fuerint.

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Cumque datum est nobis intelligi quod, praetextu cujusdam<sup>4</sup>  
 instrumenti vel scripti ad quod Commune Sigillum Majoris et Burg-  
 ensium villae praedictae combinatione<sup>5</sup> paucorum ejusdem villae  
 appositum et affixum fuerat, gerentis datam decimo octavo die  
 Septembris, anno regni Domini Caroli Secundi nuper Regis, ante-<sup>25</sup>  
 cessoris nostri felicitis memoriae, tricesimo<sup>6</sup> quarto, et in Curia Cancel-  
 lariae ejusdem nuper Regis de recordo irrotulati, purportantis fore  
 concessionem per praefatos Majorem et Burgenses eidem nuper Regi,  
 heredibus et successoribus suis, de omnibus et singulis maneriis,  
 messuagiis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, et hereditamentis, cum per-<sup>30</sup>  
 tinentiis quibuscunque, de, vel in quibus dicti Major et Burgenses ad  
 tunc vel ad aliquod tempus ante tunc fuerunt aliquo modo seisiti,  
 possessionati, vel interessati in jure incorporationis suae vel capaci-  
 tate sua incorporata aliquibus modis quibuscunque ac etiam purport-  
 antis fore concessionem et sursum redditionem per praefatos Majorem<sup>35</sup>  
 et Burgenses eidem nuper Regi de omnibus franchisesiis, chartis, literis  
 patentibus incorporationis, potestatibus, libertatibus, et immunitat-

<sup>1</sup> The reference is to the charter. The  
 exemplification itself was not printed in

the *Records*, but is included in the volume  
 of 'Charters' (see No. XXIII.).

and Ireland the twentieth and of Scotland the fifty-sixth, made and granted to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham in these words: 'JAMES, by the grace of God,' etc. [*reciting exemplification by James I. of Charter of Henry VI., 'Records,' Vol. II.,*  
 5 *pp. 187-209*<sup>1</sup>].

We also, esteeming all and singular the franchises, liberties, privileges, acquittances, immunities, grants, confirmations, and restitutions aforesaid as valid and acceptable, do, for us, our heirs and successors, so far as in us lies, accept, approve, and ratify them, and do grant  
 10 and confirm by the tenor of these presents all and singular the franchises, liberties, privileges, acquittances, and immunities aforesaid to our well-beloved the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and to their successors, as the charters aforesaid do reasonably testify, and as the same Mayor and Burgesses of the same town of Notting-  
 15 ham, or their predecessors, at any time ought to have, might, or should have used and enjoyed the franchises, liberties, privileges, acquittances, and immunities aforesaid, although the said Mayor and Burgesses of the same town, or their predecessors, have misused or not used the franchises, liberties, privileges, acquittances, and immuni-  
 20 ties aforesaid.

And whereas we are given to understand that, under pretext of a certain instrument or writing to which the Common Seal of the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid had been placed and affixed by a combination of a few men of the same town, bearing  
 25 date the eighteenth day of September, in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of the Lord Charles the Second late King, our predecessor, of happy memory, and enrolled of record in the Court of Chancery of the same late King, purporting to be a gift by the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses to the same late King, his heirs and successors,  
 30 of all and singular the manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments, with whatsoever appurtenances, of, or in, which the said Mayor and Burgesses at that time or at any time before then were in any wise seized, possessed, or interested in right of their incorporation, or in their corporate capacity by any means whatso-  
 35 ever, and also purporting to be a gift and surrender by the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses to the said late King of all franchises, charters,

<sup>2</sup> *grata*,] 'gratia,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> *immunitatibus*,] 'im'unitatet,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> *cujusdam*,] 'cujusdem,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> *combinatione*,] 'combinationem,' MS.

<sup>6</sup> *tricesimo*,] 'tricesimo,' MS. So occasionally.

ibus quibuscunque ad aliquod tempus vel tempora concessis ad, vel gavisus per, eosdem Majorem et Burgenses, vel praedecessores suos, vel aliquos eorum, aliquibus viis aut modis vel per aliquod nomen sive nomina quaecunque; nec non quod, tam ratione praedictae praetensae concessionis et sursum redditionis, quam praetextu seu colore diversarum cartarum sive literarum patentium incorporationis praedictarum per nuper Regem Carolum Secundum ac per Jacobum Secundum nuper Regem factarum et concessarum, seu mentionatarum fore concessarum, post datam dicti instrumenti vel praetensae sursum redditionis, diversa dubia, quaestiones, et controversiae orta fuerunt de, et concernentia, libertatibus, franchisesiis, et consuetudinibus, terris, et possessionibus Majoris et Burgensium villae praedictae, ac etiam de, et concernentia, electione et continuatione quorundam officiariorum villae praedictae.

Sciatis igitur, quod nos pacem, tranquillitatem, et bonam gubernationem ejusdem villae et Burgensium et inhabitantium ejusdem gratiose affectantes, et omnia dicta dubia, quaestiones, et controversias in hac parte auferre designantes, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, de advisamento Privati Concilii nostri, assignavimus, nominavimus, ordinavimus, constituimus, et confirmavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, assignamus, nominamus, ordinamus, constituimus, et confirmamus Willelmum Greaves, generosum, qui fuit Major villae Notingham praedictae tempore ejusdem praetensae sursum redditionis, fore et esse praesentem et modernum Majorem villae praedictae, continuandum in eodem officio a data praesentium usque ad usuale tempus pro electione Majoris pro eadem villa in festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, quod erit anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo nonagesimo tertio, si dictus Willelmus Greaves tam diu vixerit.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris, Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, concedimus potestatem et auctoritatem, ad aliquod sive aliqua tempus seu tempora infra spatium duorum mensium proximo post datam praesentium, eligere, nominare, et constituere aliquos Burgenses ejusdem villae ad officium de Communi Concilio villae praedictae, ac fore et esse de Communi Concilio ejusdem villae, tam ex iis qui officium Vicecomitis villae praedictae servierunt sive habuerunt, quam qui officium illud non servierunt vel habuerunt, quos Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, vel majori parti eorum,

letters patent of incorporation, powers, liberties, and immunities whatsoever granted at any time or times to, or enjoyed by, the same Mayor and Burgesses, or their predecessors, or any of them, in any ways or means or by any name or names whatsoever ; and also that,  
5 as well by reason of the aforesaid pretended grant and surrender as under pretext or colour of divers charters or letters patent of incorporation aforesaid made and granted, or mentioned as being granted by the late King Charles the Second and by James the Second late King after the date of the said instrument or pretended surrender,  
10 divers doubts, questions, and controversies have arisen of and concerning the liberties, franchises, and customs, the lands and possessions of the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and also of and concerning the election and continuation of certain officers of the town aforesaid :

15 Know ye therefore, that we, graciously considering the peace, tranquillity, and good government of the same town and of the Burgesses and inhabitants of the same, and designing to settle all the said doubts, questions, and controversies in this behalf, have of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion,  
20 with the advice of our Privy Council, assigned, nominated, ordained, created, and confirmed, and do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, assign, name, ordain, create, and confirm William Greaves, gentleman, who was Mayor of the town of Nottingham aforesaid at the time of the same pretended surrender, to be  
25 the present and modern Mayor of the town aforesaid, to continue in the same office from the date of these presents until the usual time for the election of a Mayor for the same town at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, which will be in the one thousand, six hundred and ninety-third year of the Lord, if the said William  
30 Greaves live so long.

And moreover we will, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, do grant power and authority to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and their successors, to elect, nominate, and appoint at any time or times within the space of two  
35 months next after the date of these presents, any Burgesses of the same town to the office of the Common Council of the town aforesaid, and to be of the Common Council of the same town, as well from those who have served or held the office of Sheriff of the town aforesaid, as from those who have not served or held that office,

melius expedire videbitur, ad complendum numerum octodecim de Communi Concilio villae praedictae, toties quoties necesse fuerit infra dictum spatium duorum mensium proximo post datam praesentium. Et ulterius volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus et confirmamus Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, quod, post hujusmodi electionem et expirationem duorum mensium praedictorum proximo post datam praesentium, ut praefertur, liceat et licebit Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, et successoribus suis, de tempore in tempus ad omnia tempora imperpetuum eligere, nominare, et constituere idoneas personas ad officium de Communi Concilio villae praedictae, et fore et esse de Communi Concilio ejusdem villae, in tali modo et forma prout in eadem villa assuetum et consuetum fuit ante diem datus praedictae praetensae sursum redditionis, videlicet, praedictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno regni dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo quarto, vel ad aliquod tempus praeantea: proviso semper, et volumus, quod dictus Willelmus Greaves, antequam ad executionem officii Majoris villae praedictae admittatur, praestabit sacramentum suum corporale pro debita executione officii Majoris villae praedictae ac etiam sacramenta per quendam Actum in Parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium anno regni nostri primo tento editum et provisum appunctuata fore capta et praestita, coram Thoma Trigge et Radulpho Bennett, generosis, aut altero eorum; quibus Thomae Trigge et Radulpho Bennett, vel alteri eorum, dicta separalia<sup>1</sup> sacramenta administrandi plenam potestatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes.

Et de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae omnia et singula res, materias, contemptus, crimina, offensas et transgressionem quaecunque per se ipsos facta, commissas, sive perpetrata de, pro, in, vel concernentia, executione vel non-executione aut mala executione aliquorum officiorum infra villam praedictam, limites, vel praecinctus ejusdem, ad aliquod tempus sive tempora post praedictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo quarto supra-dicto; ac etiam pardonavimus,

<sup>1</sup> *separalia*,] 'seperalia,' MS.

whom the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or the major part of them, shall deem most fit, to fulfil the number of eighteen of the Common Council of the town aforesaid, as many times as shall be necessary, within the said space of two months next after the date  
5 of these presents. And moreover we will, and do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, grant and confirm to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and their successors, that after such election and the expiration of the two months aforesaid next after the date of these presents, as is aforesaid, it may and shall  
10 be lawful for the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, and for their successors, from time to time at all times for ever to elect, nominate, and appoint fit persons to the office of Common Council of the town aforesaid, and to be of the Common Council of the same town, in such manner and form as was used and accustomed in the  
15 same town before the day of the date of the aforesaid pretended surrender, to wit, the aforesaid eighteenth day of September, in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of the said late King Charles the Second, or at any time before then: provided always, and we will, that the said William Greaves shall, before he be admitted to the  
20 execution of the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid, take his bodily oath for the due execution of the office of Mayor of the town aforesaid and also the oaths appointed to be taken and sworn by a certain Act issued and provided in our Parliament holden at Westminster in the first year of our reign, before Thomas Trigg and  
25 Ralph Bennett, gentlemen, or either of them: to which Thomas Trigg and Ralph Bennett, or either of them, we give and grant by these presents full power and authority to administer the said several oaths.

And of our more ample especial grace, and of our certain know-  
30 ledge and mere motion, we have pardoned, remitted, and released, and do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, pardon, remit, and release to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid all and singular the things, matters, contempts, crimes, offences and trespasses whatsoever by themselves made, committed, or  
35 perpetrated of, for, in, or concerning the execution or non-execution or bad execution of any offices within the town aforesaid, the limits, or precincts of the same, at any time or times after the aforesaid eighteenth day of September, in the abovesaid thirty-fourth year of the said late King Charles the Second; and we have also pardoned,

remisimus et relaxavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, et heredibus et successoribus nostris, pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus omnibus et singulis Burgensibus villae de Notyngham praedictae omnia et singula res, materias, contemptus, crimina, offensas, et transgressiones quaecunque per se ipsos vel aliquem sive aliquos eorum separatim<sup>1</sup> 5 vel conjunctim facta, commissa, sive perpetrata de, pro, vel in executione alicujus officii vel aliquorum officiorum infra villam praedictam, limites vel praecinctus ejusdem, colore sive praetextu aliquarum literarum patentium praedictorum nuper Regum Caroli Secundi et Jacobi Secundi, vel alterius eorum, ad aliquod tempus 10 sive tempora post praedictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo quarto supra-dicto.

Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus, concessimus, restituimus, confirmavimus, approbavimus, et ratificavimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, 15 heredibus et successoribus nostris, damus, concedimus, restituimus, confirmamus, approbamus, et ratificamus Majori et Burgensibus villae Notyngham, et successoribus suis, omnia et omnimoda manneria, messuagia, molendina, redditus, terras, tenementa, decimas, prata, pascua, pasturas, communias, ferias, nundinas, mercata, et tot, tanta, 20 talia, eadem, et hujusmodi potestates, praescriptiones, libertates, privilegia, franchises, immunitates, jurisdictiones, chartas, literas patentes, literas patentes incorporationis, consuetudines, proficua, officia, officarios, exemptiones, quietantias, vasta, vacua funda, commoditates, emolumenta, bona, catalla, et hereditamenta quaecunque 25 quot, quanta, qualia, et quae per dictas literas patentes gerentes datam dicto duodecimo die Februarii, anno regni dicti Regis Jacobi Primi Angliae, Franchiae, et Hiberniae vicesimo et Scotiae quinquagesimo sexto, concessa et confirmata fuerunt, vel mentionata fore concessa et confirmata, aut per aliquas alias praedictas literas patentes concessa, seu mentionata fore concessa aut confirmata, Majori 30 et Burgensibus villae praedictae, sive quae<sup>2</sup> Major et Burgenses villae praedictae, vel praedecessores sui, per quodcunque nomen seu quaecunque nomina incorporationis, ante dictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno regni dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo 35 quarto supra-dicto, habuerunt, tenuerunt, usi vel gavisii fuerunt, aut occupaverunt, aut habere, tenere, uti, vel gaudere debuerunt aut potuerunt sibi, et successoribus suis, ratione aut praetextu praedictarum separalium<sup>3</sup> literarum patentium vel earum aliquarum vel

remitted, and released, and by these presents do for ourselves, and our heirs and successors, pardon, remit, and release to all and singular the Burgesses of the town of Nottingham aforesaid all and singular the things, matters, contempts, crimes, offences, and trespasses whatsoever made, committed, or perpetrated by them or by, any one or any of them severally or jointly of, for, or in execution of any office or of any offices within the town aforesaid, the limits or precincts of the same, under colour or pretext of any letters patent of the aforesaid late Kings Charles the Second and James the  
 10 Second, or of either of them, at any time or times after the aforesaid eighteenth day of September, in the abovesaid thirty-fourth year of the said late King Charles the Second.

And moreover, of our more especial grace, and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, we have given, granted, restored, confirmed, approved, and ratified, and by these presents do for ourselves,  
 15 our heirs and successors, give, grant, restore, confirm, approve, and ratify to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, and to their successors, all and all manner the manors, messuages, mills, rents, lands, tenements, tithes, meadows, pastures, pasture-lands, commons, fairs, markets, and such, so many, the same, and the like powers, prescriptions, liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities, jurisdictions, charters, letters patent, letters patent of incorporation, customs, profits, offices, officers, exemptions, acquittances, wastes, waste-grounds, commodities, emoluments, goods, chattels, and here-  
 25 ditaments whatsoever as were granted and confirmed, or mentioned to be granted and confirmed, by the said letters patent bearing date the said twelfth day of February, in the year of the reign of the said King James the First of England, France, and Ireland the twentieth and of Scotland the fifty-sixth, or granted or mentioned to be  
 30 granted or confirmed, by any other the letters patent aforesaid to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or which the Mayor and Burgesses of the town aforesaid, or their predecessors, by whatsoever name or names of incorporation, had, held, used, or enjoyed, or occupied, or ought to have or might have had, held, used, or enjoyed  
 35 to them and to their successors before the said eighteenth day of September, in the abovesaid thirty-fourth year of the reign of the said late King Charles the Second, by reason or pretext of the afore-

<sup>1</sup> *seperatim*,] 'seperatim,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *quae*,] 'quas,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> *separalium*,] 'seperalium,' MS.

alicujus, vel aliarum cartarum, concessionum, aut literarum patentium quarumcumque per aliquem progenitorum aut antecessorum nostrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae quoquomodo factarum, concessarum, seu confirmatarum ante dictum decimum octavum diem Septembris, anno regni dicti nuper Regis Caroli Secundi tricesimo 5 quarto, aut quocunque alio legali modo, jure, sive titulo, consuetudine, usu, sive praescriptione ante datam praesentium legitime usitata, habita, consueta, sive gavisata.

Cumque datum sit nobis intelligi, quod quaedam personae inhabitantes praedictae villae et burgi de Notyngham post tempus praedictae praetensae sursum redditionis, suscipientes super se fore corpus corporatum per nomen 'Majoris, Aldermannorum, et Burgensium villae de Notyngham in Comitatu ejusdem villae,' praetextu seu colore quarundam<sup>1</sup> literarum patentium per dictos nuper Reges Carolum Secundum et Jacobum Secundum<sup>2</sup> confectarum, diversas 15 dimissiones vel praetensas dimissiones diversis personis diversarum terrarum, tenementarum, et hereditamentorum Majori et Burgensibus villae de Notyngham tempore praedictae praetensae sursum redditionis spectantium et pertinentium fecerunt, et diversas denariorum summas praetextu dictarum dimissionum vel praetensarum dimissionum habuerunt et receperunt; et quia nolumus, quod hujusmodi personae, quibus tales dimissiones vel praetensae dimissiones bona fide et pro valuabili consideratione factae fuerant, de hujusmodi firmis suis aliquantulum deprivari seu frustrari,<sup>3</sup> de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, concessimus et confirmavimus, ac 25 per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus et confirmamus omnibus et cuilibet hujusmodi personae et personis, cui vel quibus aliquis talis dimissio vel praetensa dimissio, sive aliquae tales dimissiones vel praetensae dimissiones facta fuerat vel [factae] fuerant de aliquibus terris, tenementis, seu hereditamentis, 30 praedictis, quod quaelibet hujusmodi persona et personae deinceps respective habeant, teneant, et gaudeant,<sup>4</sup> et habere, tenere, et gaudere possint et valeant omnia terras, tenementa, et hereditamenta eis vel eorum alicui vel aliquibus pro valuabili consideratione bona fide sic dimissa vel praetensa fore dimissa pro residuo respectivorum terminorum in qualibet hujusmodi dimissione limitatorum, sub annualibus redditibus, condicionibus, conventionibus, et agreementis in hujusmodi dimissionibus specificatis, et juxta verum purportum dictarum dimissionum vel praetensarum dimissionum.

said several letters patent, or of any one or more of them, or of other charters, grants, or letters patent whatsoever made, granted, or confirmed in any wise by any of our progenitors or ancestors late Kings or Queens of England before the said eighteenth day of September, 5 in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of the said late King Charles the Second, or lawfully used, had, accustomed, or enjoyed by whatsoever other lawful manner, right, or title, custom, use, or prescription before the date of these presents.

And whereas we are given to understand, that certain persons 10 inhabitants of the aforesaid town and borough of Nottingham, after the time of the aforesaid surrender, taking upon themselves to be a body corporate by the name of 'the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham in the County of the same town,' under pretext or colour of certain letters patent made by the said 15 late Kings Charles the Second and James the Second, have made divers demises or pretended demises to divers persons of divers lands, tenements, and hereditaments belonging and pertaining to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham at the time of the aforesaid pretended surrender, and had and received divers sums of 20 money under pretext of the said demises or pretended demises; and because we are unwilling that such persons, to whom such demises or pretended demises were made in good faith and for valuable consideration, should be deprived or baulked in any wise of such their firms, we have, of our especial grace, and of our certain knowledge 25 and mere motion, granted and confirmed, and we do by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, grant and confirm to all and every such person and persons to whom any such demise or pretended demise, or any such demises or pretended demises has or have been made of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments aforesaid, 30 that every such person and persons shall from henceforth respectively have, hold, and enjoy, and may and shall be able to have, hold, and enjoy all lands, tenements, and hereditaments so demised or pretended to be demised to them or to any one or any of them for valuable consideration in good faith for the remainder of the respective 35 terms limited in each such demise, under the annual rents, conditions, covenants, and agreements specified in such demises, and according to the true purport of the said demises or pretended demises.

<sup>1</sup> *quarundam,*] 'quorundam,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> *deprivari seu frustrari.*] So in MS.

<sup>2</sup> *Carolus . . . Secundum,*] 'Caroli Secundi et Jacobi Secundi,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> *gaudeant,*] 'gaudent,' MS.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes.  
Testibus nobis ipsis apud Westmonasterium, decimo nono die  
Octobris, anno regni nostro quarto. Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

Pigott.

Pro fine in Hanaperio viginti marcarum.

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XIV.—*List of Burgesses enrolled.*

1693-4.

VILLA NOTTINGHAMIAE, SCILICET: NOMINA BURGENSIIUM DE NOVO CREAT-  
ORUM TEMPORE THOMAE TRIGGE, GENEROSI, MAJORIS VILLAE NOT-  
TINGHAMIAE ET COMITATIS EJUSDEM VILLAE, A FESTO SANCTI  
MICHAELIS, ANNO DOMINI 1693, ANNOQUE REGNI DOMINI WILL-  
ELMI ET DOMINAE MARIAE NUNC REGIS ET REGINAE ANGLIAE,  
ETC., QUINTO, USQUE<sup>1</sup> FESTUM SANCTI MICHAELIS TUNC PROXIMO  
SEQUENS, VIDELICET, 1694.

Josephus Shaw, *whitesmyth*, burgensis natus } jurati burgenses 2<sup>d</sup>  
Nicholas Brownelowe, *fellmonger*. } die Novembris.

Johannes Champian, *butcher*, burgensis natus, juratus burgensis  
7<sup>o</sup> die Novembris.

Jonas Bettyton, *baker*, burgensis natus, juratus burgensis 19 De- 10  
cembris.

Willelmus Harryson, *butcher*, burgensis natus } jurati burgenses  
Willelmus Cross, *upholster*, per *purchase*. } 13 Januarii.

Abraham Metcalfe, *woollen-drapeer*, burgensis per *purchase*, juratus  
1<sup>o</sup> die Januarii. 15

Johannes Ludlam, scissor, burgensis natus.

Johannes Feilds, scissor, burgensis natus. } jurati 22 die  
Franciscus Staples, *gardiner*, per *apprenticeship*. } Februarii.

Willelmus Lindley, *glasier*, burgensis natus. } jurati

Johannes Champian, *butcher*, burgensis per *indenture*. } 3 Aprilis. 20

Willelmus Shaw, faber ferrarius, burgensis natus.

Thomas Shaw Robinson, byrseus. } Anglice,

Jacobus Robinson, byrseus, burgensis natus. } *tanners*. } jurati burg-  
Benjamin Hunt, pellicarius, Anglice, *felmonger*. } enses xxij.

Ricardus Wilson, pistor.

Edwardus Barton, pistor.

Matheus Robinson, ephippiarius.

'94. 25

<sup>1</sup> *usque*,] '*usquem*,' MS.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness ourselves at Westminster, the nineteenth day of October, in the fourth year of our reign. By writ of Privy Seal.

Pigott.

5 For a fine in the Hanaper of twenty marks.

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XIV.—*List of Burgesses enrolled.*

1693-4.

TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM, TO WIT: NAMES OF THE BURGESSES NEWLY CREATED IN THE TIME OF THOMAS TRIGG, GENTLEMAN, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM AND COUNTY OF THE SAME TOWN, FROM THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL, IN THE YEAR OF THE LORD 1693, AND IN THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF THE LORD WILLIAM AND LADY MARY, THE PRESENT KING AND QUEEN OF ENGLAND, ETC., TILL THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL THEN NEXT FOLLOWING, TO WIT, 1694.

Joseph Shaw, whitesmith, burgess-born. } sworn burgesses on the  
Nicholas Brownelowe, fellmonger. } 2nd day of November.

John Champian, butcher, burgess-born, sworn burgess on the 7th day of November.

15 Jonas Bettyton, baker, burgess-born, sworn burgess on the 19th of December.

William Harryson, butcher, burgess-born. } sworn burgesses on  
William Cross, upholsterer, by purchase. } the 13th of January.

Abraham Metcalf, woollen-draper, burgess by purchase, sworn on 15 the 1st day of January.

Jonn Ludlam, carver, burgess-born. }  
John Feilds, carver, burgess-born. } sworn on the 22nd  
Francis Staples, gardener, by apprenticeship. } day of February.

William Lindley, glazier, burgess-born. } sworn on the 3rd  
20 John Champian, butcher, burgess by indenture. } of April.

William Shaw, blacksmith, burgess-born. }  
Thomas Shaw Robinson, tanner. } in English,  
James Robinson, tanner, burgess-born. } tanners. } sworn bur-  
Benjamin Hunt, dealer in hides, in English, fell- } gesses on the  
25 monger. } xxii. day of  
Richard Wilson, baker. } May, '94.  
Edward Barton, baker. }

Matthew Robinson, saddler.

Franciscus Ward, generosus, juratus burgensis eodem die per  
emptionem libertatis ejus pro summa 20 li.

Willelmus Sanders, <i>weaver</i> , burgensis natus.	} 27 Junii jurati
Gabrielis Coppocke, <i>pistor</i> .	

burgenses.

Josephus Coulton, *butcher*, burgensis natus.

Willelmus Burrowes, *cordwayner*, burgensis natus.

Johannes Lockoe, *bootemaker*, burgensis natus.

Johannes Goodall, *frameworke-knitter*.

Johannes Nicholson, *stufte-weaver*.

Thomas Hawksley, *ironmonger*, burgensis natus.

Edwardus Webster, *pipemaker*, burgensis natus.

5  
jurati burg-  
enses 4<sup>o</sup> Sep-  
tembris.  
jurati 24<sup>o</sup> Sep- 10  
tembris, '94.  
3461, fo. 60.

Francis Ward, gentleman, sworn burgess on the same day by purchase of his freedom for the sum of 20 pounds.

William Sanders, weaver, burgess-born. } on the 27th of June  
Gabriel Coppocke, baker. } sworn burgesses.

5 Joseph Coulton, butcher, burgess-born. }  
William Burrowes, cordwainer, burgess-born. } sworn burgesses  
John Lockoe, bootmaker, burgess-born. } on the 4th of  
John Goodall, framework-knitter. } September.  
John Nicholson, stuff-weaver. }

10 Thomas Hawksley, ironmonger, burgess-born. } sworn on the 24th  
Edward Webster, pipemaker, burgess-born. } of September, '94.

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## SELECTIONS

FROM

## MANUSCRIPTS IN THE ENGLISH TONGUE.

As in the preceding volumes, the orthography of the original MSS. is here faithfully reproduced, even in regard to the use of 'u' and 'v,' and the division of words. The signs of contraction in the English words have, however, been given their full value, the omitted letters being printed in italic type, to distinguish them. The capitals have been, in most cases, preserved, as, although they may have no title to share in the praise bestowed by Mr. Arthur Galton, in his introduction to a reprint of Gordon's *Tacitus*, on 'the bounteous capitals,' which, he says, 'add so much to the seductive and sober dignity of an eighteenth century page,' yet their lavish use was certainly no less characteristic than the spelling of the centuries preceding our own. Sometimes it has been uncertain whether the initial letter of a word has been intended for a capital or a small letter, and, in all such cases, the modern practice has been here adopted, as also in the matter of proper names, the initial letters of which, though sometimes small in the original manuscripts, are invariably printed in capitals. In the beginning of sentences, also, the modern rule has been adhered to. In the selections from the presentments, the results, wherever recorded on the original rolls, are printed in italic type.

### I.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1625, Wednesday, April 6.

This Companie are content thatt Maister Maior, Maister Staples, and Maister Gregorie shall be tenants to the newe Copies<sup>1</sup> att iiij. li. vjs. viijd. rent, and to haue ytt for three yeares from our Lady-day last; and vpon this Condicion thatt the Burgesses shall Joynt<sup>2</sup> 5 their horses there twice in the yeare as heretofore, and att the Rate of vjd. a Weeke, accordinge to the ould Custome; and they to allowe a yearely fall of the Vnderwoods, as hathe beene antiently vsed, att the Discretion and appoyntment of this Companie, and these tenants nott to putt anie other beasts there saue onely horses 10 and mares, nor to meddle with the woods there, butt onely for suche vnderwoods as they shall necessariely vse for fencinge, and to lett Burgesses haue their antient liberty for their swyne there Duringe the Mast-tyme<sup>3</sup> onely, yf anie bee, and none to haue anie gates there by previledge, butt onely the Chamberlaynes and the woodward, as

<sup>1</sup> 'Copies' = coppice.

<sup>2</sup> Joist, from O.F. *gésir*, to lie, lie on.

<sup>3</sup> Mast, edible fruit for swine; fruit of beech and forest trees. (A.S. *mæst*.)

hathe beene lawefully accustomed, and to leave ytt fenced as ytt now is ; and the woodward to doe his dutye for fencing the same.<sup>1</sup>

1625, Good Friday, April 15.

*Memorandum*, thatt this day the Maior, Recorder, Aldermen, Councell, and Cloathing mett touchinge certen Conferences aboute *Nominatinge*, Whether ytt were convenient to ellecte and Choose 5 twoe gentlemen strangers, or twoe townesmen Burgesses for this ensuinge *parliament*, and ytt is fully agreed thatt there shalbe ellected twoe townesmen thatt are Burgesses to serve in this *parliament*, and none other in anie wise.

*Memorandum*, the Companie are allsoc agreed to hould their 10 meetinge att Robyn Hood well on Monday nexte, accordinge to the antient Custome.

3399, fo. 37.

## II.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1625, July 18.

*Per constabularios.*<sup>2</sup>

Wee present John Hancok(s) wife for a scould and abusinge of the Constable : *ducked.*<sup>3</sup> 15

Wee present Hewgh Colson for annoyance with his Carrion both in the Leene and all aboute the Houlmes, *xs.* 73, ro. 63.

*Per orientem.*<sup>4</sup>

Wee presente Heneric Pare for sellinge his tithe-load of hay to a fariner,<sup>5</sup> *ijs. vjd.* 20

Wee presente widow Lauton for the like, *ijs. vjd.*

Wee presente Thomas Smithe for takinge a fariner's<sup>5</sup> horse or mare in to Hunger hill : *ijs. vjd.* 73, ro. 66.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>6</sup>

*Imprimis*, we present Rycharde Lea and Dorothie, his wyfe, of the 25 Parrishe of Saynt Peeter's in Nottingham, beinge about the age of fyftie, for nott comynge to the Church by the space of three monethes last past ; *xij<sup>s</sup>.*

*Item*, we present Mistris Elyzabeth Rowsonne and Mistris

<sup>1</sup> A similar order was made on 17th April, 1628, but was not subsequently confirmed.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation* : By the Constables.

<sup>3</sup> Nine others were ducked for scolding.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation* : By the East.

<sup>5</sup> fariner = non-burgess.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation* : By the West.

Margarett Rowsonne, hir sister, of the parishe of Saint Maries, beinge about the age of twentie and foure yeares, for the lyke.

*Item*, we Request and thinke it not fytyng that Maister Eddge showld give thesse towne last parties any entertaynemente to diett or  
5 board in his howse.

*Item*, we present Robert Bell for beinge distempered wythe drinke on the sabothe day, beinge the xvij<sup>th</sup> of July : 75.

*Item*, we Intreat *your* worships to take some order that the Bellman may give nottis for mastife dogges to be musselled.

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73, ro. 77.

1625, October 8 or 10.<sup>1</sup>*Per orientem.*<sup>2</sup>

*Villa Nottinghamiae Scire* :<sup>3</sup> Wee present Francis Levys, laborer, for vsinge the trade of a shoesmithe here in this towne by the space of one Monethe, And nott beinge Apprentice to the same trade or  
15 occupacion by the space of Seven yeares, accordinge to the forme of the Statute<sup>4</sup> in thatt case made and provided.

Wee present John Fraunce for the lyke, in vsinge the trade of a Cuttler.

Wee present Thomas Beard for the lyke.

20 40s. a peice.

Thomas Burley, *Juratus*. (= sworn).

74, ro. 13.

<sup>5</sup>*Imprimis*, We present Richard Lay and Dorothy, his wyfe, of the parish of Saint Peter's, about the age of fiftye, for absenting themselves for the space of three monnth from the Church.

25 *Item*, We present Thomas Walker, about the age of thirtye yeares, of the same parish, for the Like.

*Item*, We present Cathren Cooke, the wyfe of Michall Cooke, of the same parish, about the age of fortye, for the like.

*Item*, We present the Ladye Ratlife, of the Parish of Saint  
30 Nicholas, about the age of fiftye, for absenting her self from the Church for the space of eight weeke.

*Item*, We present Widow Brownrige for takinge into her house for an inmate (*sic*) a man, his wyfe, and a Child : 3 *li. vis. viiijd*.

<sup>1</sup> These presentments are undated, but belong to one of the two dates here given.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: By the East.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: Town of Nottingham, to wit.

<sup>4</sup> Stat. 5 Eliz. c. iv., § 24.

<sup>5</sup> These presentments were also made by the Eastern side, and are, probably, of the same date as the preceding.

*Item*, we present Thomas Barnes the yonger, for the like : *bound*.

*Item*, we present Humphrye Cookes for the like : *gone away to lyve att Boston in county Lyncoln*.

Recusants<sup>1</sup> xijd. everie Sunday absent.

*Warrant to the Churchwardens.*<sup>2</sup>

74, ro. 14. 5

1625, October 10.

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>3</sup>

[Wee present] William Nickolsone, new comer to the Towne, tennant to John Stanley : *3li. vis. 8d*.

Widow Duckenfeild, tennant to Elisabeth Stanley : *gone away*.

Thomas Barnes the yonger for takinge in a stranger :<sup>3</sup> *bound*. 10

Henery Thorntone for takinge the stones from the street before his owne doore ; *xijd.* ; and for bruig without lycens ; *xrs*.

William Ellisone for taking in an Inmate, Maister Beamont, and three or fower Children : *iiij li. vjs. viijd*.

Mistris Ryley for digging vp of stones in the high waye : *xijd*. 15

Maister Edward Ayer for not fyndinge night wach : *vjd*.

William Westbye for keeping disorder in the night in his howse, and would not be reformed by the wachmen : *xijd*.

Charles Twelues for anoying the streets with Carts ; moreover for anoying the streets with timber-loggs ; moreover, for layinge his 20 manner<sup>4</sup> short of the place which is apoynted : *dead*.

Joan Broadberye for a Comon scould : *ducked*.

74, ro. 18.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>5</sup>

*Imprimis*, we present Catherin Cooke, the wyfe of Mychaell Cooke, of the parishe of Saynt Peeter's, about the age of fortye, for not 25 comynge to the Churche by the space of three monethes Last past.

*Item*, we present Ladye Rattclyffe, of the parishe of Sainte Nycholas, about the age of fyfftie, for the like : *gone*.

*Item*, we present Mistris Anne Masonne, wyddowe, in the parishe of Saynt Nycholas, for takinge the fore sayde Ladye Rattclyfe into 30 hir house as an Inmate : *avoyded*<sup>6</sup> *her*.

*Item*, we present Elizabethe Rychardsonne, wyddow, in Bridell-symthe Gate, for takynge of an Inmate vnknownen : *iiij li. vjs. viijd*.

<sup>1</sup> Persons refusing to attend church and receive the sacrament.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation* : By the Constables.

<sup>3</sup> stranger = non-burgess.

<sup>4</sup> manner = manure.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation* : By the West.

<sup>6</sup> *avoyded* = cast out, or ejected.

*Item*, we present Hewe Dobsonne for keepinge a scabbed mare in the meddowes : *xs.*

74, ro. 20.

To the king's Majestie's Justic[e]s of peace for the County of the towne of Nottingham.

5 Att the generall Sessions of the peace houlden at the guildhall of Nottingham, for the Countye of the Towne of Nottingham, the Tenth day of October, in the firste yeare of the Raigne of *our* soveraigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland kinge, defender of the faith, etc.

10 The Jurye for *our* soveraigne Lord the kinge, Doe presente and fynde by Due prooffe, That Humfrey Askough, beeinge an Alehouse keeper, did vpon the Seaventh day of this instante moneth, breake the assize of beare and alle, by sellenge lesse then a whole quarte of his beste beere or ale for a penny, Contrarye to the Statute of the  
15 firste yeare of kinge James, in that Case made and *provyded*, Whereby the said Humfrey Askough Doth forfeite Tenne shillings of lawfull money of England, to bee levied as by the same Statute yt is at large lymited and appoynted.<sup>1</sup>

74, ro. 21.

### III.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1625, October 10.

Wee present the Leene for want of Scoweringe betwene the  
20 bridge and Snenton foreth<sup>2</sup> which is a hinderance to the water passinge. *Amended.*

Wee present Maister Edward Morris for not Scoweringe the dicke<sup>3</sup> in his close neare the Cheanye bridge : *ijs.*

Wee present John Reeve for puttinge Maister Edge horse into  
25 Estcroft in his name : *iijs. iiijd.*

Wee present Thomas Lawsonn for puttinge a scabde horse in the meadowes : *xs.*

Wee present John Kime for not scoweringe the becke with[in] his close called Boycroft : *ijs.*

30 Wee present Francis Nixe for not scoweringe the becke betweene boycroft and bleachinge place : *ijs.*

Wee present the becke bridge to be in decaye (*amended*).

<sup>1</sup> Ten other persons were presented for the like offence. A true bill ('*Billa Vera*') was found, and each was fined *xs.*

<sup>2</sup> foreth = ford.

<sup>3</sup> dicke = dike or ditch.

Wee present Maister Jonathan Shecheverell for not Scowering the becke within his close : *ijs.*

Wee present Thomas Stevenson for Anoyinge the hie way in Hallifax Lane with his muckell :<sup>1</sup> *ijs.*

Wee present Maister William Hunt for Incroching vpon the 5 towns ground in the common houmes :<sup>2</sup> *ijs.*

Wee present Maister William Hunt for makinge of Lime pittes in the Common Houmes,<sup>2</sup> and not fillinge them vp againe : *filled vpp.*

Wee present Richard Drindge for makinge a pitte in the houmes :<sup>2</sup> *ijs.*

Wee present Robert Bennit for makinge a muckell before his 10 dore : *ijs. vjd.*

Wee present George White for makinge a muckell in the same place :<sup>3</sup> *ijs. vjd.*

Wee present Mistris Elner Sherwine for the like : *ijs. vjd.*

Wee present William Borrowes for incroosing vpon the towne 15 ground with his buildinge at Grefreer wate :<sup>4</sup> *ijs.*

Wee present Mistris Marye Walker for settinge her pales vpon the towne ground near Grefreer wate.<sup>4</sup>

Wee present Robert Crose for makinge a swine cotte over the Rowell,<sup>5</sup> and puttinge in his swine mucke in to yt : *vs.* 20

Wee present Maister John Dodslay for buildinge a porch vpon the towne ground : *rented.*

Wee present Richard Browne for not keepinge the mault millne in repare, beinge the towne millne.

Wee present Saint James' Chapell to be in decaye for want of 25 repare : *repayred.*

Wee present John Stanlay for takinge in William Nickolsonn to to be his tennant :<sup>6</sup> *gone.*

Wee present A holl<sup>7</sup> to be into A tavarne over against Thomas Nucome, beinge the hie waye. *Camerarii.*<sup>8</sup> 30

Wee present maister Alderman Nix for havinge towe load of wood, which was not fitting for him,<sup>9</sup> which was the towne's, in the copies.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> muckell = dunghill.

<sup>2</sup> Houmes = Holms. See Glossaries to vols. iii. and iv.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, before his door.

<sup>4</sup> Grefreer wate (so called, also, in a previous presentment) = Gray Friar Gate.

<sup>5</sup> rowell = drain or sewer.

<sup>6</sup> Other like presentments follow, 3 for taking in tenants and 4 for taking in inmates.

<sup>7</sup> holl = hole.

<sup>8</sup> The Chamberlains (*i.e.*, to see to it).

<sup>9</sup> 'him' is struck out in the MS.

<sup>10</sup> copies = Coppice.

IV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1625-6, January 16.

*Antonius Gamble et alii* (Anthony Gamble and others).

*Imprimis*, we present Dorothye Ley, Widdowe, beinge of the parish of *Saint Peter's*, for that she hath not come to the church by the space of three monethes last past.

5 *Item*, we present Anne Ley, her daughter, for the like.<sup>1</sup>

*Item*, we present John Walker, *Cordwainer*, for strikinge the sonne of George Cranwell in the church : *vs*.

*Item*, we<sup>2</sup> present Roger Ryley for suffringe his dogge, beinge a mastive, to goe vnmoselled : *ijs. iiijd.*<sup>3</sup>

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*Per orientem.*<sup>4</sup> 74, ro. 45.*Per Constabularios.*<sup>5</sup>

We present Robert Tailor for tipling without a licence : *xxs*.

We present William Whit for anoying the comon vshew :<sup>6</sup> *xijd.*

We present Richard Willson for keeping his masti<sup>7</sup> dog vnmusled :

15 *ijs. iiijd.*

We present Thomas Burley and Henry Hill for being in the Alehouse at an vnlawfull tim of night : *ijs. iiijd.* 74, ro. 48.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>8</sup>

We present Michael Brightman for suffering a gargell<sup>9</sup> Cow to  
20 goe in the medowes when it was severall :<sup>10</sup> *xijd.*

We present Richarde Wrigsome for puttinge a gargell<sup>9</sup> Cow into the medowes : *ijs. iiijd.*

We present Michael Brightman for suffering Richerd Wood and William Gregg there swine to route vp the medowes : *ijs. iiijd.*

25 We present Richard Wood (*ijs. iiijd.*), and William Gregg (*ijs. iiijd.*) for suffering there swine for going into the medowes vnringed.

We present Anthonye Canninge for sellinge vnwalsom meat for man's bodye in the markett betwixt Martilmas and Christmas : *xs*.

74, ro. 52.

<sup>1</sup> Five like presentments follow against others.

<sup>2</sup> 'we' repeated in MS.

<sup>3</sup> Three similar presentments against others follow.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: By the east.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.

<sup>6</sup> vshew = issue.

<sup>7</sup> masti = mastiff.

<sup>8</sup> *Translation*: By the west.

<sup>9</sup> gargell, an affection of the udder in cows. See Glossary, vol. iv.

<sup>10</sup> severall = severed, separated from other cattle.

*Per occidentem : Richardum Recklesse et alios.*<sup>1</sup>

We intreat you, maister Maior, and you, the rest of the Justices, that you will please to take and settell some order and Course, Conser[n]ginge the oppoistion<sup>2</sup> of our marketts by strangers, for there regrese and liberttye is a great wronge to our markett, and a great 5 opprestion to the poore ; we heere it, and find it, therefore we praye you to take some due Consideration for the present. 74, ro. 54

V.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1625-6, Friday, January 27.

This Companie are agreed thatt Bells shalbe Ronge att everie Church, and Bonfires made in the streets, to shewe the people's Reioycinge on the day of the King's<sup>3</sup> Coronacion, which ys intended 10 to be on Candlemas day nexte,<sup>4</sup> God willinge. 3400, fo. 50.

1626, Thursday, March 30.

*Saint Anne Well.*—This Companie are agreed that Maister Maior, Aldermen, Councell, and Cloathing will observe the antient custome of goinge to *Saint Anne well* on Black-monday nexte,<sup>5</sup> and to pay accordinge to the auntient custome, viz<sup>t</sup>, ijs., Maister Maior, Aldermen, 15 and Coroners, and the Councell and Cloathing xvijjd. a peice, provided thatt Francis Nixe doe appoynt some honest woeman of Credit to have the oversight and orderinge of the meate and drinke to be spent there : and then aswell those absent as present to pay as aforesaid.<sup>6</sup> 3400, fo. 53. 20

VI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1626, April 24.

John Sherin hath run A way from his Master Six severall tymes.

1. First of all, he set a pound of Candles on fire which were in great danger to haue burnt the house, and so runn his way, and lost them, vnknowne to me or any of my house.

<sup>1</sup> By the west : Richard Recklesse and others.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, opposition.

<sup>3</sup> Charles the First's.

<sup>4</sup> Thursday, February 2, 1626. Candlemas-day was the Feast of the Purification

of the Virgin Mary, the fortieth day after the Nativity.

<sup>5</sup> Easter Monday.

<sup>6</sup> John Heywood was appointed keeper of St. Ann's Well, April 7, 1627.

2. Next, he found a way to creepe into the tavarne, and fetch out ale by halfe Gallons at once, and my people perceived it, and tould him they would tell me, and he run a way one Satterday, when I was in the market, before I came whome.

5 3. Next of all, he tooke the child to the Licene<sup>1</sup> side, and kept her there all day, and at night left her by the water side, and runn away.

4. Afterwardes, I got that place mended where he crept into the tavarene, and he found an other way to creepe in vnder the dore, and  
10 made him selfe so drunke that he would sit vpon the formes, and fall downe and breake his heade, and when he perceived that I knewe, he run his way.

5. Then, at master Alderman's request, I tooke him againe, and he run a way vpon the next day.

15 And last of all, he fetched bread in my name at the Baker's, and left it vpon my score, and run his way.

These be truth, and there is that will be reposed in them<sup>2</sup> if neede require.<sup>3</sup>

74, ro. 69.

Artickles objected agaynst John Crofts, of this Towne of Nottingham, and his wife, agaynst<sup>4</sup> their prentice, as followeth, which will be proved vpon Oaths.

*Imprimis*, the sayd John Crofts, by her Indenture, is not to make nor medle with her, vpon anye Condition.

25 *Item*, since hee hath beaten her in her heade most greeveously sundrie tymes.

*Item*, moreover, hee hath beaten her vpon the face, which were most greiveous, that she had almost lost one of her eyes.

*Item*, since that tyme, hee hath beaten her and punched her with his fiste vpon her syde, that she was scarce able to take her winde.

30 *Item*, what by him and by her, she was so beaten and pinched vpon her armes divers tymes, that they were so black, it would pittie anye Christian to behold.

*Item*, hee hath beaten her vpon the face, that hee hath made her byte her lipps with her owne teeth.

35 When their hath bene her Brother and other to Come to intreat

<sup>1</sup> Licene = Leen.

<sup>2</sup> i.e., there is evidence to prove it.

<sup>3</sup> No name is prefixed or appended to this presentment.

<sup>4</sup> This is evidently a mistake for 'by.'

and speake in her behalfe, they haue both spoken, shee should be the vilder<sup>1</sup> and worste vsed for theire speches.

Moreover, they had with her ls.<sup>2</sup> for three years, and to fynde her all her apparell, besyde her frends were Charged withall, as may appeare by the Indenture.

74, ro. 70. 5

*Per occidentem.*<sup>3</sup>

*Item*, wee present Fraunces Noble, bucher, for blowing his meate, contrarie to the Statute: *vjs. viijd.*

*Item*, wee present younge George Kinninge for the like: *vjs. viijd.*

*Item*, wee presente Fraunces Nickes for suffring the twon's<sup>4</sup> 10 Coppie<sup>5</sup> to bee caried a way by the twone's<sup>4</sup> peple: *ijs. xjd.*

74, ro. 72.

1626, April 24.

*Per orientem: Henricum Baguley et alios.*<sup>6</sup>

*Item*, we present Maister Thomas Nyxe, of the parishe of Sainte Maries, for keepinge his dawghter Anne in his howse, and for nott<sup>15</sup> Comandinge hir to go to the Churche by the space of three monethes last past: *ijs. iiijd.*

*Item*, we present Rodger Ryley for anoyinge the streete wythe fyllthie stinkinge dreane watter, to the great anoyance of neygbors and passengers: *ijs. iiijd.*

74, ro. 74. 20

*Per Constabularios: Franciscum Leeson et alios.*<sup>7</sup>

We present Edward Wyer for keping evyle rewle in his howse at an vnlawfull<sup>8</sup> tyme of the nyght: *xs.*

We present William Pare for being a brod<sup>9</sup> at an vnlawfull tyme of the nyght: *xijd.*

25

Wee present John Fremane's wyfe for falling owte with her nyghbors: the Can not lyfe quyetly by her: *xs.*

Wee present Maister Edmanes for a noying the stretes with swyne mocke: *xijd.*

74, ro. 77.

<sup>1</sup> vilder=more vilely.

<sup>2</sup> ls. = Ls. (50s.).

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: By the west.

<sup>4</sup> twon's and twone's=town's.

<sup>5</sup> Coppie=Coppice.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation*: By the east; Henry Baguley and others.

<sup>7</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables: Francis Leeson and others.

<sup>8</sup> vnlawfull=unlawful.

<sup>9</sup> a brod=abroad.

VII.—*Presentments of the Mickleton Jury.*

1626, April 27.

1. *Imprimis* we present the Weekday-Crosse to be in decay for want of payntinge and mendinge : *done*.

3. *Item*, we present the lanes betwene the Leene-bridge and the Chaynie-bridge to be in decay for want of bankynge and mendinge :  
5 *Bridgmaisters*.

4. *Item*, we present Snenton forde to be verie noysom to our meddowes and Eastcrofte for want of scowringe : *done*.

9. *Item*, we present Humphrey Eare for settinge his pales to far forthe<sup>1</sup> by Saynt Nycholas Church-yard syde : *xijd*.

10 13. *Item*, we present Maister Dyvall for incroachinge vppon the Hie-pavement withe his new pales : *rented*.

14. *Item*, we present wyddow Hinde for layinge ashes and Ramell<sup>2</sup> in Stony streete beyond Sainte Maric's Church wall : *iijs. iiijd*.

15 15. *Item*, we present the Hollow-Stone for want of Repayringe :  
15 *to be amended*.

17. *Item*, we present Stonye streete to be in decaye for want of pavinge : *Camerarii*.<sup>3</sup>

26. *Item*, we present the Rowell<sup>4</sup> att the Pecke lane end by Sainte Peeter's Church to be in decaye : *done*.

20 28. *Item*, we present the Mallte Crosse to be in decay : *Camerarii*.<sup>5</sup>

29. *Item*, we present Maister Lyttellfare for nott scowringe the Well close diche at the Brode lane ende : *to be done*.

30. *Item*, we present Maister Robert Parker, Alderman, for settinge his hedge to far forthe in<sup>6</sup> the Sandy lane : *xijd*.

25 31. *Item*, we presente Wylliam Ryppon for bringinge in his drawght<sup>7</sup> into the woman's markt, and pullinge downe his neybor's walles : *iijs. iiijd*.

32. *Item*, we present the loer end of Wallser-gate for want of pavinge : *done*.

30 33. *Item*, we present Mychaell Bryghtman for not pruninge and dressynge the wyllowes in Wyllford pasture hedge : *iijs. iiijd*.

40. *Item*, we present Thomas Stevensonne for anoyninge Hallifaxe

<sup>1</sup> to far forthe = too far out.

<sup>2</sup> Ramell = rubbish.

<sup>3</sup> The Chamberlains.

<sup>4</sup> rowell = sewer.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation* : the Chamberlains.

<sup>6</sup> To far forthe in = too far out into.

<sup>7</sup> drawght = draught horses or teams.

lane withe a verie great muckehill, very noysome to his neyborgs :  
*ijs. iiijd.*

43. *Item*, we present Thomas Lawsonne for nott dressinge away  
 his mucke in the Cow Lane, *ijs. iiijd.*

44. *Item*, we present the well in the womans markett to be in 5  
 decay : *Camerarii* (the Chamberlains).

*Vº Maii Anno Secundo Regis Caroli nunc Angliae, etc., Coram  
 Magistro Hill, Majore, Magistro Staples, Magistro Roberto Parker,  
 Magistro James, Aldermannis,*<sup>1</sup> this verdicte was taken.—Maister  
 Richard Parker.

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### VIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1626, Tuesday, May 2.

*Feild Keepers.*—Ytt is ordered by this Companie thatt John  
 Patten and John Recue<sup>2</sup> shalbe feild keepers this yeare for dryvinge  
 out the Deare there ; and they shall have for their paynes herein  
 fyue pownds, which shall be rayسد by the payment of twoe pence an  
 acre of Corne and grasse growinge in the feilds ; and yf this collec- 15  
 cion will nott amountt to the same some of v. li., then the rest to be  
 made oute by the towne, in some place to be assigned by the  
 Companie. And whoe soe ever shall nott pay this smale ymposicion  
 (beinge intended for a generall good), shall bee presented att the  
 nexte Sessions, and there soc fyned by ye Bench as their obstynacie 20  
 to this goode worke shall be occasioned ; and these persons follow-  
 inge are appoynted to be collectors for the same monies, viz.: Maister  
 Maior's Ward : John Hethersey. Maister Staple's Ward : John  
 Parsons. Maister Parker's Ward : Maister Derbishire. Maister  
 Nixe's Ward : James Golderinge. Maister Sherwyn's Ward : 25  
 Anthonie Millington. Maister Parker's Ward : Homfrey Askoughe.  
 Maister James' Ward : William Baker.<sup>3</sup> 3400, fo. 54.

1626, Monday, June 19.

*John Poynton.* Memorandum, thatt this day John Poynton hav-  
 inge beene somoned to appeare here to doe his service to the towne

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: 'On the 5th May, in  
 the second year of King Charles now of  
 England, etc., Before Mr. Hill, Mayor,  
 Mr. Staples, Mr. Robert Parker, Mr.  
 James, Aldermen.'

<sup>2</sup> Recue = Reeve.

<sup>3</sup> Henrie Gregorie and Henrie Dun  
 were appointed field-keepers, May 23,  
 1627, under similar conditions.

as one of the Councell for the commons, doethe nott come to performe those duties thatt place requirethe, and some of this Companie beinge of opynion thatt hee had licence to be spared in regard of his occasions thatt hinder his attendance here, ytt is therefore ordered  
 5 thatt the saied John Poynton shall pay to the vse of the Corporaczon vjs. viiijd.; and then and hereafter to be dismissed from the saied place, and some other honest Commoner to be ellected in his place.<sup>1</sup>

3400, fo. 58.

IX.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1626, July 17.

*Per occidentem, xvij<sup>o</sup> Julii, 1626. Robertus Heald et alii.*<sup>2</sup>

10 *Item*, we present Elizabeth Richardsonne for takinge in 2 Inmates and their wives : *iiij. li. vjs. viiijd.*

*Item*, we present Maister Leonarde Nix, Alderman, for takinge in a tenant beinge a poore stranger, without takinge securitie to save the towne harmelesse : *iiij. li. vjs. viiijd.*

15 *Item*, we presente Thomas Barnes the yonger for not avoydinge a tenant, for which he was formerly presented : *iiij. li. vjs. viiijd.*

74, ro. 95.

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>3</sup>

We present Maister Reuell for Bruing without a licence : *xxs.*

20 We present Robert Brodhed for selling vnlawfull meat : *vs.*

We present Richard Norwood [his] wife, and Cutbert Littlefaire his wife, both for scoules : *ducked.*

We present Michall Brightman for puting a scabd horss in the pinfould amongst other horsses : *vs.*

74, ro. 99.

25 *Per orientem.*<sup>4</sup>

*Imprimis*, we present Catherin Cooke, of the Parish of Saint Peeter's, abowte the age of fortie years, for nott Cominge to the Church for the space of three monethes last past.<sup>5</sup>

30 *Item*, we present Maister Alderman Nyxe for lettinge his howse in Cassell Gate to a Stranger ;<sup>6</sup> his name is Lamberte : *iiij. li. vjs. viiijd.*

74, ro. 101.

<sup>1</sup> Nicholas Collton was elected and sworn Counsellor in his place, June 21, 1626.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: By the west, 17 July, 1626. Robert Heald and others.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: By the east.

<sup>5</sup> A number of like presentments follow.

<sup>6</sup> Stranger = non-burgess.

X.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1626, Friday, September 14.

*Meddowes and feilds*: This Companie are agreed thatt Cattle shall nott be putt into the Medowes before the Munday after *Saint Mathewes* day nexte, notwithstandinge the vsuall tyme is twoe or three dayes before; and thatt sheepe shalbe restrayned from cominge into the feilds vntill the same Munday; and thatt the Bellman shall be sent abroad into the towne to geve notice of this restraynt; and the offenders therein shall forfeite for everie score of sheepe cominge into the feilds before thatt day, iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>., and for everie beast putt into the Medowes before the same day, xij<sup>d</sup>.

*Chamberlaynes*: Ytt is agreed by this Companie thatt whoesoever hereafter shall refuse to be Chamberlayne after hee is ellected on *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> day shall forfeite and pay to the vse of the Corporacion fyue pownds, without anie abatement thereof, vnlesse there be anie apparent cawse to moue this Companie or their Successors to make anie abatement thereof.

3400, fo. 59. 15

XI.—*Bridge-Wardens' Account.*

1626.

<i>Imprimis</i> paid to six poore widdowes in the Beade houses at xvjd. a peece . . . . .	vij <sup>js</sup> .
<i>Paid</i> To Arthur and Bingham for studdinge, <sup>2</sup> relinge, and layinge new groundsills <sup>3</sup> vpon the bridges other v. dayes at xid. by daye . . . . .	ix <sup>s</sup> . ij <sup>d</sup> . 20
<i>Paid</i> for bordes, legges, <sup>4</sup> bandes, hookes, and neales for dores in the bayde houses <sup>5</sup> and workmanship . . . . .	iii <sup>js</sup> . iiij <sup>d</sup> .
<i>Paid</i> for vj. bunch of Latts, neales, with other woode for two Chimnyes in the bayde houses, <sup>5</sup> with glasse and workmanshipp . . . . .	xi <sup>js</sup> . iiij <sup>d</sup> . 25
<i>Paid</i> for two loodes of Claye, haye to temper the morter,	

<sup>1</sup> *Michaelis*=*Festum Sancti Michaelis* (Feast of Saint Michael, or Michaelmas).

<sup>2</sup> 'studding,' making new posts, etc. See Glossary, vol. iii.

<sup>3</sup> 'groundsills,' foundations; 'timber or raised pavement next the ground' (John-

son); timber laid horizontally near the ground to secure the uprights. See vol. ii., p. 372, note 5.

<sup>4</sup> legges=ledges.

<sup>5</sup> Bayde houses=beadhouses.

	bricke to make the hudd, <sup>1</sup> straye <sup>2</sup> and thackinge, <sup>3</sup> with workmanship . . . . .	xijs. vjd.
	Given to the workmen, and weanmen <sup>4</sup> from Christmas to our Ladye daye in Ale and monye. . . . .	xviijd.
5		1932, fol. 1
	Paid to Oker for Clensinge the Leene beneath Snenton forde . . . . .	vijs.
	Paid Christopher Kyrke for iiij. fastninge Roopes, and peceinng a rope for Summer treese <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	ijs. vjd.
10	Paid to Bingham and Oker, for settinge footestepes in the Cartways agaynst the Butter Crose . . . . .	xxijd.
		1932, fol. 4.
	<i>Imprimis</i> to six pore wydowes in the bayde houses at xvjd. a peece . . . . .	viijs.
15	Paid to Oker for havinge Care of the Boate from Christmas to our Ladye-daye . . . . .	xviijd.
		1933, fo. 1.
	Paid to Holmes for studdinge, <sup>6</sup> and layinge grownd- sills <sup>7</sup> aboue the bridges; iij. dayes at xijd. by daye . . . . .	iijs.
20	Paid to Alderman Nix vpon his note for xiiij. gallands of tarr, viij. stonne of pitch, for the new boate . . . . .	xxvijs.
	Paid to John Holmes and his Sonne for squaringe and sawinge woode for the boate, and other worke aboute the bridges . . . . .	xvijs. vjd.
25	Paid to John Whittworth for strawe, thrumes, <sup>8</sup> and to William James for heare and lime for the boat . . . . .	vs. viiijd.
30	Paid to John Fishe and his Sonne for makinge and finishinge the boate, and to John Wilsonne for servinge him with all things needfull, and lanch- inge it, in money, breade, and ale . . . . .	iii li. vijs. vjd.

<sup>1</sup> 'hudd;' sometimes chimney-top so contrived as to secure a constant draught by turning with the wind, and sometimes a projecting cover above the hearth, forming the upper part of the fireplace.

<sup>2</sup> straye = straw.

<sup>3</sup> 'thackinge;' sometimes straw, more frequently coarse grass. See vol. iii., p. 503.

<sup>4</sup> weanmen = wainmen.

<sup>5</sup> Summertree, a tree to make a prop of; the prop itself.

<sup>6</sup> studdinge = making new posts, etc.

<sup>7</sup> growndsills, foundations; see *ante*.

<sup>8</sup> Thrum, a coarse yarn, or unravelled strand of rope.

Paid to Oker and Townrowe for mendinge the foote  
 planckes in the Lanes and other worke other ij.  
 dayes at ix<sup>d</sup>.<sup>1</sup> by daye . . . . . iijs.  
 1933, fo. 4.

XII.—*Commission to Collect a Loan for Providing Shipping.*

1626, October 11.

CHARLES, by the grace of God kinge of England, Scotland, 5  
 Fraunce and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc., To our trustie and  
 welbeloved the mayor and Aldermen of the Towne of Nottingham  
 Greetinge :

When the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme descended first  
 vpon vs, wee found ourselves engaged in a warre vnderaken and 10  
 entred into by our late deare Father of blessed memorie not  
 willinglie, nor vpon light or ill grounded Councells, but by the many  
 provocations of an ambitious Enemy, and by the grave and de-  
 liberate Councells and perswasions of both the houses of Parliament  
 vpon promise of theire continuall assistance therein, and thereby not 15  
 our selves alone and our owne people became thus engaged, but also  
 our friendes and allies, and amongst them, and above all others, our  
 most deare vncle, the most illustrious king, the king of Denmarke,  
 who hath in his owne person imbarqued himself in the same quarrell,  
 whome in honor and in reason of State, we maie not desert, but by 20  
 the advise of our Councell we resolved to assist him presentlie<sup>2</sup> with  
 men and money, we evidentlie forseeing that otherwise our Common  
 Enemy<sup>3</sup> will in an instant become master of all Germany, and con-  
 sequentlie of all the portes and partes where the masse and bulke of  
 our Cloth is vented,<sup>4</sup> and whence we must furnish ourselves of pro- 25  
 vision for our Shipping, which howe fatall it would be to vs and our  
 people maie easilie be discerned ; but when wee came to enter into  
 this greate worke, wee found our Treasures exhausted, and our  
 Coffers empty, and our ordinarie Revenue hardlie sufficient to sup-  
 port our ordinarie charge, much lesse to vndergoe soe greate and 30  
 extraordinarie a burthen as a warre with Spaine.

Our affaires thus standing, wee beinge willing to treade in the  
 stepps of our Auncestors, with all the convenient speede wee could,

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, 9d. each.

<sup>2</sup> presently = forthwith.

<sup>3</sup> Spain.

<sup>4</sup> vented = sold.

summoned a Parliament, but not finding that successe therein which wee had cause to expect, wee are enforced to this course wee are nowe resolved vpon, which was hastened the rather when our vnavoydable necessities both at home and abroad emultiplied vpon vs, when our  
5 Enemyes greate and mightie *preparacions* both by Sea and lande threaten vs daylie, and when the late disaster (the chaunce of warre), which hath fallen vpon our dearest vncle, the kinge of Denmarke, to the endaungering of his Royall *person*, the hazarding of his whole Army, and the vtter dishartening of all our partie, doe at once call  
10 vpon vs and crie in our Eares, that not our owne honor alone, and the auncient Renowne of this Nacion which is deare vnto vs, but the safetie and verie subsistence of vs and our people, the true Religion of God and the *common* cause of Christendomme *professing* that true Religion with vs, are in apparent daunger of suffering irre-  
15 parable, unles not onlie a speedie but a *present* Stoppe be made to soe great a breach, which cannot endure soe long a delaie as the calling of a Parliament. Now therefore [wee] in a case of this extremitie, after diligent and deepe Inquirie into all the wayes and meanes possible which are honorable and iust in cases of such vn-  
20 avoydable necessitie, have at last, by the advise of our whole privie Councell, resolved to require the ayde of our good and loving Subiects by lending to us such a competent Summe of money, to be speedilie collected to our vse, as maie enable vs to *provide* for their defences and our owne, to be repaid vnto them as soone as wee shalbe any  
25 waies enabled therevnto, vpon shewing forth of the Acquittance of the Collector, testifying the Receipt thereof, And theis somes [wee] beinge confident will readilie and chearefullie be lent vnto vs by our loving Subjects when they shalbe trulie informed from vs of what importance and of what necessitie that is which wee now require of  
30 them, and when they shalbe assured by vs, which wee faithfullie *promise* and vndertake on the Royall word of a kinge, which wee will be jealous<sup>1</sup> not to breake with our people, that all and everie of those moneys, which thus wee borrowe of them, shalbe bestowed or expended but vpon those publique and generall *services* onlie  
35 wherein everie of them and the bodie of the kingdome, their heires, Children, and posteritie haue their *personal* and *common* Interest. Knowe ye therefore that wee, reposing speciall trust and confidence

<sup>1</sup> jealous = zealous, careful. 'Zealously cautious against dishonour' (Johnson).

in your fidelitie, industries, and good discretions, haue nominated, constituted, and appointed, and by theis presents doe nominate, constitute, and appoint you to be our Commissioners, authorizing, willing and commaunding, and by theis presents wee doe authorize, will, and commaunde you and everie of you, vpon that faith and 5 allegiaunce which you owe vnto Religion and to the common wealth, Thatt all other occasions sett apart, you or any twoe or more of you joyntlie or seuerallie, as in your wisdomes you shall conceive fittest to advance this our device, doe with all speede after the Receipt of this our Commission, at such and soe many times and places as you 10 shall conceive fittest, call before you all such persons within our saide Towne of Nottingham and Countie of the same, as by our Instructions, which wee shall send vnto you herewith, are appointed, and that yee acquaint them with this our will and pleasure, and see it dutifullie, effectually, and speedilie performed accordinglie, which 15 our Instructions wee will and commaund you exactlie and effectualle to observe and followe in all points, and therein to vse your best cares and diligences, and to retorne the same with all speede you can possible vse, and wee authorize you, or any two or more of you to minister<sup>1</sup> an oathe to such persons and in such cases as in and by our 20 said Instructions are directed; And for your better assistance herein, Wee doe hereby will and commaund all mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables, and all other our Officers, ministers, and Subjects, That they and everie of them be ayding, helping, and assisting vnto you and everie of you in the execution of this our Commission, and that 25 you and they and everie of them doe carefullie, faithfullie, and diligentlie intend<sup>2</sup> this, our most important device, as you and they doe any waies respect and tender our honor and the safetie and good of this kingdome, and as you and everie of you will aunswere the neglect thereof, at your vttermost perills. 30

In witnes whereof, wee haue caused theis our letters to be made patente. Witnes our self at Westminster the eleaventh day of October in the seacond yeare of our Raigne.<sup>3</sup> Edmondes.

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<sup>1</sup> minister=administer.

<sup>2</sup> intend=regard, or attend to.

<sup>3</sup> The latter half of this document has been found very difficult to decipher, the

ink being much faded and in many places quite obliterated by damp and other causes, the faint pen-scratches still traceable affording the only clue to the words.

XIII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1626-7.

*Necessarie Expenses.*

	<i>Imprimis</i> , a quire of paper for our booke . . . .	iiijd.
	<i>Item</i> paid for Cakes and ale on <i>Michaelis</i> <sup>1</sup> daye . . . .	xijd.
	<i>Item</i> , to the Ringers on <i>Michaelis</i> <sup>1</sup> daye . . . .	xijd.
5	<i>Item</i> , to the Ringers at Saint Peter's . . . .	xijd.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for London fees this yeare as hath beene antiently accustomed . . . . .	v. li. xixs. iiijd.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for brooms for the hall . . . . .	vjd.
	<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the Town's drum . . . . .	xijd.
10	<i>Item</i> , paid the Common souldiers' and drummer's wages at the muster . . . . .	xvijs.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for a lode of Coles for the hall . . . . .	vjs. viijd.
	<i>Item</i> paid for the micleturn's chardges at <i>Michaelis</i> ' <sup>1</sup> Sessions, and givinge up theire verdict . . . .	xxxiijs. ijd.
15	<i>Item</i> , paid Lambe for killinge 4 dossen of moulds <sup>2</sup> . . . .	iijs. iiijd.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for markinge the town's spitts . . . . .	vjd.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for iron and worke at the newe prison . . . .	xvijs. vjd.
	<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the town's seale, and a newe marke for measures . . . . .	xviijd.
20	<i>Item</i> , for dressinge the prison . . . . .	vjd.
	<i>Item</i> , paid Maister Martyn for Chardgs in the bishopp of Kilsanor's suite with the towne . . . . .	xljs.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for entringe William More's statute, and makinge acquittanc[e]s for the loane moneys . . . .	vs.
25	<i>Item</i> paid Wakefeild for carrieinge letters to London about the loane moneys, and other busines . . . .	ijs.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for vi. yards and a halfe of stamell <sup>3</sup> for the ways Coats at 13s. 4d. per yard . . . . .	iiij. li. vjs. viijd.
	<i>Item</i> for taffetie to face theire Coats . . . . .	viijs. viijd.
30	<i>Item</i> paid for a Coate for the bellman . . . . .	xiijs.
		1637, p. 4

March, 1626-7.

<i>Item</i> , paid for a skepp <sup>4</sup> for the hall . . . . .	vjd.
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<sup>1</sup> Michaelis = Michael (Feast of St. Michael or Michaelmas).<sup>2</sup> Moulds = Moles. Many such items follow.<sup>3</sup> 'stamell,' a coarse woollen cloth.<sup>4</sup> 'skepp,' a sort of basket, narrow at the bottom and wide at the top.

## Aprill, 1627.

<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the gilt boule . . . . .	viijd.
<i>Item</i> , for wyne and suger at the well <sup>1</sup> on blake <sup>2</sup> munday	xiiijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , paied for xvj. knapsacks for the common souldiers at ijs. ijd. a peece . . . . .	xxxiiijs. viijd.

## Maye, 1627.

<i>Item</i> , paied the Common souldiers and drummer for their wages at the muster, the vijth of maye . . . .	5 xvijs.
<i>Item</i> , for makeinge aquittanc[e]s for the loane money . . . .	iiijs.
<i>Item</i> , for 26 yards of Ribbin at vd. per yard for the Common souldiers . . . . .	xs. xd. 1637, p. 5. 10
<i>Item</i> , paied the Common souldiers and drummer for theire Wags <sup>3</sup> at the trayninge the 18th and 19th days of maye . . . . .	xxxiiijs.

## June.

<i>Item</i> , for a new head for the town's drum . . . .	ijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , paied for prest money for vij. souldiers . . . .	vijs. 15
<i>Item</i> , paied for wages that daye . . . . .	iiijs.
<i>Item</i> , paied for vj. hatts . . . . .	xvijs.
<i>Item</i> , for xv. yards of Clothe for shirtts . . . .	xxvjs. xjd.
<i>Item</i> , for 21 <sup>tie</sup> yards of frise <sup>4</sup> at 20d. per yard . . . .	xxxvs.
<i>Item</i> for xv. skins of leather for lynings . . . .	vis. vijd. 20
<i>Item</i> for vj. bands, 3 dossen poynts, <sup>5</sup> 6 payre of garters, and halfe a yard of Canvas . . . . .	vs. iiijd.
<i>Item</i> for makeinge vj. payre of breeches and vj. shirtts . . . .	vijs. jxd.
<i>Item</i> spent in drivinge <sup>6</sup> the meadows twice . . . .	xiiijs. ijd. 1637, p. 6. 25
<i>Item</i> , for xj. yards of red Kersey <sup>7</sup> at ijs. vd. per yard for the souldiers' breeches . . . . .	xxvjs. vijd. 1637, p. 7.
<i>Item</i> , for meate, drincke, and wages and money given the souldiers . . . . .	xvijs. vid. 30

<sup>1</sup> Saint Ann's Well.<sup>2</sup> Blake = black.<sup>3</sup> wags = wages.<sup>4</sup> frise = frieze, 'a coarse warm cloth, made perhaps first in Friesland' (Johnson).<sup>5</sup> 'poynts,' strings with tags.<sup>6</sup> 'drivinge,' driving cattle into an enclosure in order to find out whose property they were, and whether or not they were entitled to common pasture. See Glossary to vol. iii.<sup>7</sup> kersey, 'coarse stuff' (Johnson).

<i>Item</i> , paid for poynts and garters . . . . .	xijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid for foure payre of shooes . . . . .	xiijs. ijd.
<i>Item</i> , for foure hatts and feathers . . . . .	xiijs. iiijd.
<i>Item</i> , for ringinge the prime bell <sup>1</sup> all the yeare . . . . .	ijs.
5 <i>Item</i> , paid for Suthwell offerings this yeare . . . . .	xiijs. iiijd.

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*Presents and Rewards.*

<i>Imprimis</i> , Green a pursivant <sup>2</sup> for 1 bundle proclamacions . . . . .	ijs. vjd.
10 <i>Item</i> , for ij. proclamacions, j. the King's declaracion, and j. for souldiers' disorderly resort to the Court . . . . .	vs.
<i>Item</i> , given to foure players havinge a Commission, and theire Company broken . . . . .	iijs. iiijd.
15 <i>Item</i> , for wyne sent Maister Recorder, and money given his servants when maister Maior and his breethren dined there in Christmas . . . . .	xs. viiijd.
<i>Item</i> , for wyne and suger given the Justices the next Sessions after Christmas . . . . .	iiijs. xd.
20 <i>Item</i> , for ij. proclamacions, j. for hospitality, and one against transportinge leather . . . . .	vs.
<i>Item</i> , for ij. proclamacions, j. for lent, and j. for Captayns and souldiers to returne to theire Chardge . . . . .	vs.
<i>Item</i> , for a veale and a mutton given the Judges att Lent Assises . . . . .	xxxs.
25 <i>Item</i> , given the King's players of the Chamber of Bristowe in reward . . . . .	vijs.
<i>Item</i> for ij. proclamacions, j. for Recusants, and one for tabacco . . . . .	iiijs.
<i>Item</i> , for wyne and suger given the Lord Mannsfeild . . . . .	xxxiiijs.
30 <i>Item</i> , for a proclamacion after Holland and Blowe . . . . .	ijs.
<i>Item</i> , for an other for sealinge tabacco . . . . .	ijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , given a pursivant that brought a proclamacion, and the Counsell's letters for the loane . . . . .	iijs. jxd.
<i>Item</i> for a pottle <sup>3</sup> of wyne sent maister Pears, a preacher . . . . .	xvjd.
35 <i>Item</i> , given the players of the King's Revells . . . . .	vjs. viiijd.

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<sup>1</sup> prime bell=matin bell.<sup>2</sup> pursivant=pursuivant, or state messenger.<sup>3</sup> pottle=four pints, or, a tankard, etc., containing the liquor.

*Reparacions.*

## October.

<i>Item</i> , for scouringe the ditches by the Trent lane . . .	iijs. viijd.
<i>Item</i> , paied for a staple for newbridge . . . . .	vd.

## November.

<i>Item</i> , paied Barns for a newe keye for the newe prison dore	xviijd.
<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the leather hall floore . . . . .	iiijd. 5
<i>Item</i> , for viij. stoops <sup>1</sup> in Fisher gate . . . . .	iijs.
<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the pinfold . . . . .	ijs. ijd.
<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the stile at pennyfoote lane . . .	iiijd.
<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the chayne at Bridgend . . . . .	ijs. ijd.

## December.

<i>Item</i> , for a planke, sleepers, wood, and workmanship, to mend the bridge nere Gelson's house . . . . .	10 vs. iiijd.
<i>Item</i> paied maister Perrie for mendinge the Chaynes in the towne in seuerall places. . . . .	viijs. iijd.

## Januarie.

<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the Leen bridges and the bridges in the meadows . . . . .	vjs. iiijd. 15 1637, p. 12.
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*Reparacions.*

## Februarie.

<i>Item</i> , for glasinge the spicechambers windows . . .	ijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , for pavinge at Hungate end, and mendinge the stays at Lowe Pavement, and the rowell, <sup>2</sup> and Peck lane . . . . .	20 iijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the well at Weekeday Crosse, and lead and sauder . . . . .	vs. vjd.

## Marche.

<i>Item</i> , for Carrieinge Rubbish from Hollow ston against Lent assises. . . . .	iijs. iiijd. 25
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## Aprill.

<i>Item</i> , for repayringe the well at bridgend, the sluice on the Causey, the footebridge over the Leene, and the washinge stayres . . . . .	xjxs. iiijd. 1637, p. 13.
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<sup>1</sup> 'stoops,' rails.<sup>2</sup> 'rowell,' sewer.

*Item*, for a locke for *Saint Jones*<sup>1</sup> and a letter R . . . . . xd.

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June.

*Item*, paied for seekinge the town's bull . . . . . iiijd.

*Item*, paied *William Newbold* and the workemen for

5 worke att the markett wall . . . . . xxvijs. viijd.

*Item*, for repayringe the washing stears at newbridge . . . . . xjs.

*Item*, for mendinge the windows of the house att *Saint*

*Ann Well* . . . . . xiiijd.

1637, p. 15.

10 *Item*, for mendinge the beadhouse dore in *Pilchergate* . . . . . xvjd.

*Item*, for tyle, lyme, and worke at *Saint Ann Well* . . . . . iijs. iiijd.

*Item*, for repayringe the well in *Goose gate* . . . . . ijs. ijd.

*Item*, for repayringe the well in *Saint James' lane* . . . . . xjs.

1637, p. 16.

15 *Item* paied for twoe lods of *Lindbie*<sup>2</sup> ston . . . . . ijs. xd.

*Item*, paied for three steps in *Barkergate* . . . . . xijd.

*Item*, for mendinge a seate at bullringe . . . . . iijd.

1637, p. 17.

#### XIV.—*Order of Chancery in respect of Willoughby's Charity.*

1627.

To the Tenants, owners, and occupiers of the lands and tenements  
20 which weare *William Willoughbie's*, the elder, in the Towne,  
parishes, and feilds of *Nottingham*, *Lenton*, and *Radford*, and  
to euerie of them.

Whereas certen Commissioners by vertue of a Commission to  
them directed (haucinge had the examinacion of Witnesses), haue  
25 made in writeinge, and retorned into the Court of Chancerie, certen  
orders and decrees as followe, videlicet, that the heires and assignes  
of *Gilbert Willoughb[ie]*, sonne and heire of *William Willoughbie*  
the elder, which should bee seised for the tyme beinge of and in the  
aforesaid lands and tenements which weare the aforesaid *William*  
30 *Willoughbie's* the elder, in the Towne, parishes and feilds of *Not-*  
*tingham*, *Lenton* and *Radford* aforesaid, should for euer yearely  
deliuer, or cause to be deliuered, at the feast of Witsunday, about  
nyne of the Clocke in the aforenoone of the same day, to fower old,

<sup>1</sup> Saint Jones = Saint John's.

<sup>2</sup> Lindbie = Linby.

poore, weake, and needy people, to their sole and proper vse and behoofe, fower frize gownes, made fitt, price of euerie one of them tenne shillings or thereabouts, and also to sixe good men of any misterie or occupacion, or husbandmen, sixe pownds of lawfull mony of England, and also sixe shillings and eight pence to A learned and godlie preacher, to teach the said people vpon the said feast of Whitsunday; And that the aforesaid seuerall sommes of mony should bee paid and deliuered to the inhabitants within the seuerall Townes and parishes of Great Marlowe in Comitatu Buckinghamiae,<sup>1</sup> Noneaton in Comitatu Warwici,<sup>2</sup> Normanton super Sore in Comitatu Nottinghamiae,<sup>3</sup> Villam Nottinghamiae,<sup>4</sup> and Wolvy;<sup>5</sup> and also that the said Legacies or sommes of mony should bee giuen and paid to the parties aforesaid within the aforesaid seuerall parishes successiuely, as it is mencioned in the last will of the said William Willoughbie the elder:

Therefore the king's Majestie and his Highnes counsell, by this writt vnder the seale of his highnes' honourable Court of Chancerie, doth firmly inioyne and command you and euerie one of [you], that the said decree, forasmuch as anywaies it doth belong vnto you or any of you, yee doe wholly fulfill, or cause to bee fulfilled, accordinge to the Tenor, purport, and effect of the said decree, vnder paine of A hundred pounds.<sup>6</sup>

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### XV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1627, Friday, June 1.

<sup>7</sup>This meetinge was to make Mocions with Martyn Hill touchinge settinge the poore on worke att St. Jone's,<sup>8</sup> and thus far wee are proceeded and agreed vpon:

1. First thatt Martyn Hill shall prepare for the begynninge of the

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* In the County of Buckingham.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation:* In the County of Warwick.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation:* Normanton-on-Soar, in the County of Nottingham.

<sup>4</sup> Town of Nottingham.

<sup>5</sup> Wolvie, in Warwickshire.

<sup>6</sup> The MS. is thus endorsed:—'Gabriel Bateman, tenant to Alderman Sherwyn.

'Thomas Cooke.

'Edward Wright.

'Marie Walker and John James, tanner, her tenant.' The copy on paper of this order, of which the above is a transcript, is undated.

<sup>7</sup> Bailey gives an abstract of this entry: *Annals*, vol. ii., p. 617.

<sup>8</sup> St. Jone's = St. John's.

worke, and bringe his Comers and other worke folkes and assistants for that purpose betweene this and Midsomer nexte.

2. Secondly, whatt poore Children or others thatt are putt to him the saied Martyn are to be ymployed, taughte, and sett a worke  
5 speedily, and whatt they shall addle<sup>1</sup> or deserve after the first moneth shall be presently paied them in monie by him the saied Martyn accordinge to the Manner and vsuall rates of North folke, And hee to teache them within one monethe after theere cominge.

3. Thirdly, thatt the Chappell and Barne shall be provided for  
10 him against his Cominge, and the same to standd and be as worke-houses for him and his people.

4. Fowerthly, thatt hee is to have for everie Child sent to him att the Rate of xxs. ; and hee to geue securitie for soe muche monie as hee shall receave from the towne, from tyme to tyme, and to repaye  
15 the same, att suche tyme as shall be agreed vpon att the deliuerie thereof accordingly.<sup>2</sup>

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XVI.—*Letters from the Privy Council regarding Loans to the King.*

1627, June 30.

After our harty commendacions, Wee lately wrote letters vnto you by his Majestie's Command to quicken and call vpon all those that are yett behind in their loanes, or any porcion thereof, and to cause  
20 the Collectors speedily to returne all their Colleccions some tyme the last Terme, as also to certifie the names of all such as remaine refusers to lend or to pay in that *which* they promised to lend ; of *which* letters we haue no accompt, and but little of the loanes paid in the last terme, *which* beeing past, wee must lett you know his  
25 Majestie imputes the fault rather to you who are interested as Commissioners then<sup>3</sup> to those that are to lend, who haue shewed good affeccions in paying and promising, but there hath ben much slacknes in the calling for, and Colleccion of, the moneyes, and these things are particularly observed, that many of the Commissioners  
30 absent themselves from the sittings that others made about this busines, and haue not as yett paid in their loanes ; Secondly, that many of the Lenders who promised, haue not yett paid. Thirdly,

<sup>1</sup> merit. *Cath. Ang.*, 'adylle.'

<sup>2</sup> An agreement with Hill and a Lancelot Curtys was concluded on the 25th August, 1628 ; a space was left in the

minute-book for the terms, but they were never entered.

<sup>3</sup> then = than.

those to whome day was giuen as for a second payment, are neither called vpon, nor haue yett paid in that second payment. Fourthly, that many shifte themselues from one County to another, and scape<sup>1</sup> lending any where. Lastly, that the Refusers, whome you are to bind ouer to appeare before the Boord, are neither bound, nor their 5 answers certified, in all *which* cases, you are to vse dilligence, and strictly to giue vs accompt of *your proceedings* before the 15th of July next. And as his *Majestie* will interprett well where he finds dilligence to be vsed, soe the neglect herein will be as offensiue to him, the publike occasions so pressing as they doe, and all the 10 money collected vpon these Loanes, with much more of his owne treasure, beeing wholly employed in these publike occasions for defence of the Realme, Succors of his *Majestie's* Allyes, and maintenance of the cause of Religion, *which* were the motiues that forced his *Majestie* to this course. And this further wee must lett you to 15 know, wee are not ignorant of that you are the eare-witnesses off; That such as haue shewed good affeccions and bin forward in yeilding to theis Loanes, find themselues agreeued that others who stand in contempt,<sup>2</sup> and refuse to lend, fare better then those that are the lenders, *which* is an occasion of discontent to the lenders who haue 20 deserved thancks of his *Majestie*, and are not soe to be discouraged, nor these Refusers and contemnners to goe free and vnpunished, *which* causes the quicker calling vpon you, and stricter accompt from you then otherwise should haue needed. And soe wee bid you heartely farewell. From Whitehall the 30th of June, 1627. 25

Your loueing freinds,

J. B. Manchester [and others].<sup>3</sup>

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1627, August 23.

<sup>4</sup>After *our* very harty Commendacions: Whereas heretofore wee haue written two seuerall *Letters* callinge vppon you, the *Commis-* 30 *sioners* for the loanes, to cause the moneys proceedinge therevpon

<sup>1</sup> scape=escape, avoid.

<sup>2</sup> stand in contempt=are contemptuous.  
See below, 'contemnners.'

<sup>3</sup> Fourteen other signatures follow, including those of 'Thos. Coventrye,' 'Marlebrugh,' 'E. Dorset,' and 'Grandison.' The letter is indorsed:—

'To *our* louinge freinds, his *Majestie's*

*Commissioners* for the Loanes in the towne of Nottingham.'

<sup>4</sup> The construction of this letter (the original of which, as of the former, is written on thin paper) is very imperfect, and probably some words have been inadvertently omitted.

to be speedily paid into the Exchequer, for the better supplyinge of the publike, pressing and important occasions of State, of late his Majesty as a prudent Prince managinge affayres by the meanes, vouchsafed to looke into the Accompts himselfe to see how these  
5 loanes haue bene answered from euery Shire, and fallinge short as yet in your Towne from that which he expected, and wherevppon he trusted: And this wee must lett you knowe, that whatsoeuer his Majestie hath hitherto raysed vppon his Plate, Jewells, Lands, Loanes, and sales, is already issued and employed for the publike; And  
10 nowe beinge in open action, his Fleete and Army abroad, which by God's godnes haue prosperously succeeded, honor and reason require to haue the vndertakinge seconded and supported: Wherefore his Majesty hath againe commaunded vs to require of you, that with all possible speede and diligence, you cause the remayne of these loanes  
15 to be collected and paid into the Exchequer: But wee are informed that howsoeuer some haue diligence in this busines, yet in some Commissioners, Collectors, and Receiuors, there hath bene a great slacknes, and that much money which hath bene Collected and receiued vppon these loanes is yet vnanswered to the Kinge: Where-  
20 fore wee require you to looke strictly hereonto, and not onely to cause the remayne of the moneys to be Collected and returned speedily, but also to informe where you fynd any *sommes* deteyned, or longer retayned then is fittinge, by those that should haue returned the same. And to the ende this busines may haue no  
25 longer protraction, Wee require you forthwith to meete and to call the Receiuors and Collectors before you, and to examine the true state of euery Receiuer and Collector's accompt, aud within ten daies after receipt of these *letters*, or a transcript thereof, to make certificate vnto vs how much euery Receiuor or Collector hath paid  
30 into the Exchequer, how much remaineth in euery Receiuour or Collector's hands, and how much resteth yet vncollected, and also to make a particuler Certificate vnto vs of the names of such as did consent to lend, and haue not yet paid, but still refuse to doe it. And this you may not omitt, precisely to certifie the names of those  
35 who, being summoned to appeare before you, refused or neglected to come, Or appearinge before you, refused to lend. For that his Majestie is resolu'd of a Course *against* those men fitt for such as stande ill affected to the State. And they shall fynde what it is to be divided from their Kinge and the better part of the whole kingdome

when their Common interest is concerned. And so expecting your carefull performance of these direccions, Wee bid you very hartily farewell. From Whitehall the 23th of August, 1627.

Your lovinge freinds

E. Dorset [and others].<sup>1</sup> 5

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XVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1627, Wednesday, October 31.

*For quiett and Cevill behavior att Meetings.* Whereas att some former meetings and assemblies att open halls for publique affaires and services of the towne, vpon debatinges and arguinge of the same matters, Manie differences of opynions have arisen, and the same 10 have after moved heate, or stirred vpp Coller amongst the Companie, thatt after those tymes have proceeded to other inconveniencies thatt have beene some scandall to the government of the towne in generall, for preventinge whereof and for a Congruitie<sup>2</sup> to be hereafter had amongst this Companie, thatt all things in questyon may be quietly, 15 and in decent Manner Debated, as is fittinge, ytt is ordered by this Companie thatt everie person of this societie, as well Alderman or other, thatt shall vse anie vncivell or vndecent behavior in speech, to the just offence of anie of this companie, and the same be soe adiudged by the Companie then present att the same sittinge or 20 Meetinge, or att the nexte meetinge of the Companie, or the greater partt of them, after suche offence committed, thatt then everie suche offender shall forfeyte for everie such offence beinge soe adiudged as aforesaied, the some of xijd. to be presently paid to the Cashebox for the vse of the poore. 3402, p. 56. 25

1627, Tuesday, November 20.

*Fynes.* Maister Recklesse, William James, Maister Parker, Maister Littlefare [and] Gabriel Groues, beinge absent last meetinge was [*sic*] onely fyned att iijd. a peice, in hope they will hereafter bee more Carefull either to come to the hall, or ells to aske lycence.<sup>3</sup> And ijs. iijd. was taken of Dyuers of the Companie as fynes for nott 30

<sup>1</sup> The other signatures are: 'Thos. Coventrye,' 'Marleborough,' 'J. Bridge-water,' 'J. Pike,' and 'Rich. Weston,' and the letter is indorsed:—

'To our very Louing freinds, the Com-

missioners for the Loanes in the Towne of Nottingham.'

<sup>2</sup> An agreeing together.

<sup>3</sup> leave.

wearinge their gownes to the Church on Sabaothe Daies, accordinge to the order; in all amountinge to iij<sup>s</sup>. vjd., *which* is to be putt into the Cashebox.

*Parliament*:—<sup>1</sup>This Companie are all agreed thatt yf a *parliament* happen shortly to be Called (as the rumor allreddy is), thatt then Twoe gentlemen of the Countrie shalbe Chosen for easinge the townes Chardges; and the same strangers are thoughte fittinge by all ye Companie except 2 (*nisi*<sup>2</sup>), to be Sir Charles Cavendishe and Maister Henrie Pierepont, eldest sonne to the Lord Vicount (*sic*)  
 10 Newarke, in hope thatt the towne, yeildinge to their request touchinge their elleccions hereafter to this *parliament* ensewinge (yf anie bee), may gayne the frendshipp and favour of those twoe noble families, and have their assistance too the towne when anie occasion shall [be] offered.

3402, p. 57.

15 *Poore boyes*. All those marked with 'one'<sup>3</sup> on the other syde are content to keepe a Child weekely with victualls for one Monethe, to the end they may be better able to mayntayne themselves, and those marked with 'o'<sup>4</sup> have denyed, and the Children are to be kepte att Saint Jones,<sup>5</sup> and there sett on worke.

3402, p. 58.

1627-8, Friday afternoon, January 18.

20 *Saint Johnes*:—This Meetinge was aboute settlinge the busynes for Saint Johnes, and to talke with Martyn Hill and Thomas Mesures aboute the settinge some Children on worke presently, and theie are to have x. li. a peice to sett xx. Children on worke there, and to geve securitie to repay the same backe againe att such Convenient tyme as  
 25 shalbe fittinge, and this Coorse to be observed by them vntill Mayday nexte; and then further as the worke shall prosper and increase.

3402, fo. 60.

1627-8, Wednesday, January 23.

*Memorandum*, ytt is agreed by Maister Maior, Maister Recorder, the Aldermen, Crowners,<sup>6</sup> Sheriffs, Chamberlaynes, 21 of the Councill,  
 30 and Nynce of the Cloathing this day assembled att the Guildhall whose names are in the first page of this booke, Thatt the waites of the town of Nottingham shall have and receive for their wages from

<sup>1</sup> Quoted inaccurately by Bailey under date November 27th, 1627: *Annals*, vol. ii., pp. 617-618.

<sup>2</sup> *Nisi*, unless, except.

<sup>3</sup> The names of twenty of the Council,

including the Mayor, John James, are thus marked.

<sup>4</sup> Five are thus marked.

<sup>5</sup> Saint John's.

<sup>6</sup> Crowners = coroners.

the Inhabitants of the wholl Towne after this yearely Rate and proporcion followinge, vizt., Maister Maior for the tyme beinge and the Aldermen, everie of them fower shillings; The Coroners eche of them iijs.; The Shreves<sup>1</sup> for the tyme beinge iijs. a peice, the Councell for the tyme beinge everie of them thatt are of ye Clothinge 5 ijs. vjd., the other of the Councell thatt are Commoners xxd. a peice, and the rest of the Cloathinge thatt are nott of the Councell ijs. yearely, and everie of the Commons of the better sortt and Rancke xijd. yearely; and of everie Commoner of the lower Rancke or degree whatt they are well pleased to geve or allowe to the poore men 10 accordinge to their free and willinge disposicion, and all these payments to be paid yearely att Christmas and Easter; provided thatt the waits doe their Duties and services accordinge to their oathes, in walkinge and playinge with their Instruments assigned thereunto, aswell in the day as in the nighte, for the Creditt and 15 worshipp<sup>2</sup> of the towne, as hath beene antiently vsed and accustomed. And the Councell beinge Called to consent to this order, the greater partt are Content, as appeareth by the other page before; and further, yf anie be refractorie in the performance hereof, then an officer to be sent with the waites, vpon Complaynt made to Maister 20 Maior, to distrayne the partie soe offendinge in nott performinge the payments aforesaid; and the same to be ordered att his Judgment and discretion as he seethe Cawse. 3402, fo. 61.

1628, Thursday, 17 April.

*Common workes*:—Ytt is ordered by this Companie thatt the Common workes bothe by draughts<sup>3</sup> and Inhabitants shalbe ducly 25 observed and performed accordinge to the Statute in thatt Case made and provided; and yf anie draughte or carryadge shalbe absent or deficient in the performance of this service vpon notice geven, thatt then everie one soe absent with his draughte to pay for everie day vs. to be presently<sup>4</sup> levyed by distresse by ye overseers, and to be 30 ymployed towards the repaires of the highewaies; And whereas dyvers persons doe sett vpp draughts and Carryages att or aboute Midsomer, which is after the tyme lymitted by Statute for commoninge, and yett haue the benifitt of the Commons as freely as anie other

<sup>1</sup> Shreves = Sheriffs.

<sup>2</sup> worship = honor.

<sup>3</sup> draughts, drays, loads, etc.; from AS. *dragen*, to draw, drag.

<sup>4</sup> presently = forthwith.

thatt have Commoned att the appoynted tyme, ytt is alsoe ordered  
 thatt the same parties soe erectinge vpp draughts att or aboute thatt  
 tyme shall doe and performe theire Common workes att the appoynt-  
 ment of the overseers, vpon paine of everie one failinge herein to pay  
 5 and forfeyte for everie day thatt they are absent vs. as ys abouesaied,  
 to be ymployed towards the repaire of the highwaies accordingly.

3402, fo. 66.

1628, Tuesday, April 29.

*Scholemaister.* Ytt is agreed by this Companie thatt Maister  
 Leake shalbe Schoolemaister of the free-schoole in this towne in the  
 10 place and Roome of Maister Theobalds, nowe Schoole-Maister, whoe  
 nowe is preferred to the parsonage of Collwicke, Soe thatt Maister  
 Theobalds doe resigne the same place vnto Maister Leake, and  
 Maister Coates, nowe parson of Saint Peter's, doe lykewise approue  
 of his sufficiencie for the same place and lykewise arbitrate betweene  
 15 Maister Theoballs (*sic*) and Maister Leake whatt shalbe geven for his  
 resignacion; otherwise, in case Maister Coats doe nott approue him  
 to be sufficient for thatt place, then this Companie, vpon such his  
 Dislyke signified to Maister Maior, to proceed to a newe elleccion of  
 a Schoolemaister; and memorandum thatt Maister Coats approvinge  
 20 of him before this Companie, All the same Companie went to the  
 Schoole, and gave him possession of the schoole with Maister Thibball's  
 (*sic*) consent and lykinge.

3402, fo. 68.

1628, Friday, September 19.

*Sessment.* This Companie are contented thatt the weekly pay-  
 ment of the Sessment shall agayne bee revived, vntil suche tyme  
 25 as some other convenient meanes may be vsed for the raysinge of  
 Monies to maynetayne Saint Johnes, and thatt the Townes Mill att  
 Goosegatend shall be ymployed, and the profitts thereof after the  
 deductions of Chardge to goe wholly for the Mayntenance of the poore  
 att Saint Johnes, and the oversee[r]s of the pore and Churchwardens,  
 30 with whatt convenient speed may bee, to meete for the makinge the  
 aforesaid Sessment. And Maister Perrie<sup>1</sup> and Maister Littlefare<sup>2</sup>  
 to be overseers of the Mill for this first monethe.

3402, fol. 51.

*Lecturer and Maister Coates.*—This Companie are agreed thatt  
 Maister Coates, in respectes of his well-deservinge and greate paines  
 35 taken in this towne, and in hope of the Contynuanee thereof in

<sup>1</sup> Mr. John Perrie.<sup>2</sup> Mr. William Littlefare.

succeedinge tymes, to grauntt him the yearly payment of x. li. which Maister Caldwell lately had, and the same to be yearely paied him duringe his Contyan<sup>1</sup>ce here amongste vs as parson of *Saint Peter's* by ls.<sup>2</sup> quarterly. And this same Companie are lykewise pleased to allowe x. li. more to annother lecturer, such one as shall be by the Towne preferred to the same lecturer's place, to be quarterly paied him for this nexte ensewinge yeare, and then to have further Contynuan<sup>3</sup>ce thereof vpon his good deservinge. 3402, p. 52.

XVIII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Rental.*

1627-8, Michaelmas to Michaelmas.

The wardens of the Tanners for ye leather hall . . . .	viijs.	
William Welch for a tauerne under the newe prison . . . .	ijs. vjd.	10
Randle Millner for a Barne nere Cowlane Barr . . . .	iiijs.	
Edward Garland for a lane betweene the Vicaridge and the howse called the 'Fallcon' . . . . .	vjd.	
The Vicar of <i>Saint Maries</i> for the other halfe . . . .	iiijd.	
Thomas Harrison, Maister Hallsworthe for a lane betweene Bereward Lane and <i>Saint James'</i> lane . . . .	xijd.	15
Mistris Martyn for her pales in the streete att her howse on the Highe Pavement late Maister Bonner's land . . . .	vijjd.	
The same for a Baye Windowe in <i>Saint Peter's</i> gate late Mistris Seele's land . . . . .	iiijd.	20
George Jackson for his encroachments and staires on the Towne's grownd amongst the Ropers . . . .	xijd.	
William Westbie for his buildinge before his dore . . . .	xijd.	
The same for a shopp in the Showe Makers' <sup>3</sup> Boothes adioyninge to George Jackson's amongst the ropers . . . .	vjs.	25
William Drewrie for his newe leaneto there . . . . .	xijd.	
John Howett for the flaggs and Reedes in ye Frier-poole . . . .	xxd.	
Richard Rynsey for a hole in the Rocke att Castle hill . . . . .	ijs. <sup>4</sup>	

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<sup>1</sup> Contyan<sup>ce</sup>=continuance.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, 50s.

<sup>3</sup> Showe-Makers=Shoemakers,

<sup>4</sup> All the above items are repeated in following years,

XIX.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1628-9.

*Necessarie Expenses.*

<i>Item</i> , paid to the Ringers of Saint Maries on <i>Michaelis</i> <sup>1</sup>	
Daye . . . . .	xijd.
<i>Item</i> , for Cackes ( <i>sic</i> ) and Ale there . . . . .	ijs.
5 <i>Item</i> , paid the ringers of Saint Peters on <i>Michaelis</i> <sup>1</sup>	
Daye . . . . .	xijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid for beesoms for the hall . . . . .	vjd.
<i>Item</i> , paid for drivinge the bull into the markt . . . . .	iiijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid for pinshipp of the bull at Lenton, and for	
10 fetchinge him home . . . . .	xxijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid for browne paper to laye powder in . . . . .	ijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid for horse-hire for lame souldiers that came one	
Christmas eve . . . . .	vijs.
<i>Item</i> , given to lame soulders att seuerall times vpon	
15 maister Maior's note . . . . .	ijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , for money payd for souldiers and passengers, beinge	
manye and verie often . . . . .	vs.
<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the prisoners' yrons . . . . .	xvjd.
<i>Item</i> , given to Irishe people that had seuerall passes for	
20 their Conduction towards Scotland . . . . .	ijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , for a Bull for the Towne . . . . .	xlvijs. viijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid for the Captayn's wages and other duties for	
trayninge the common souldiers . . . . .	xvs.

1638, fos. 5-8.

XX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1629, Friday, April 24.

- 25 *Bull-peice and Bull*.:—This Companie are agreed thatt Michaell Brightman shall haue the Bull-peice, and keepe the Bull or Bulls for the towne's vse better then heretofore: ytt is thoughte fitt by the companie thatt hee should secure the same by some honest man to passe his word for performance thereof, thatt noe man shall haue Just
- 30 cawse to Compleyn, and the same Bull to be wintered yeaerly vntill

<sup>1</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas. See *ante*.

Mayday, and betaken in a fortnight after *Michaelis*.<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Memorandum thatt Maister Morrice hathe geven his word thatt Michael Brightman shall performe this order ; before the Companie 27 Aprill, 1629.

3403, p. 45.

1629, Monday, August 10.

*Cowlane* :—Ytt is agreed thatt Henric Wood shall haue a load of 5 hay yearely, payinge vs., for which hey (*sic*) hee is from tyme to tyme yearely to Clense and keepe Cleane the Cowe lane, and to geue order to the neighbours there, thatt they throwe no Mucke to annoy the lane ; and hee to receave from them suche further allowance as they are willinge to geue, provided thatt this Agreement doe contyneue 10 noe longer then this companie shall lyke or geue allowance of.

*Ib.*, fo. 48.

1629, Thursday, September 17.

*Meadowes : Sheep in the feilds* :—Eastcrofte to be broken on the xxiiijth day of September nexte : This Companie are agreed thatt the Meadowes shall nott be broken vntill the fifth day of October 15 nexte, and thatt day the Shepe to be putt into the feilds, and nott before, allthoughe the tyme bee on *Saint Mathewe's* day ; and in regard thatt the tyme is soe longe deferred, the Sheepemaisters are to haue tyme longer in the feilds vntill the Nynthe day of Nouember nexte, and noe sheepemaister to putt in more then the Stynt<sup>3</sup> allowed 20 and appoynted by the order.

*Ib.*, fo. 49.

### XXI.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1629, October 12.

1. Wee present the Leene after Estcroft vnto Snenton forth to want skowering, to the anoyance of the meadowes and hinderance of the millnes : *amended*.

2. Wee present Michell Brigh[t]man for not skowering the dicke 25 after the Lane side within Westcroft : *vjd.*

5. Wee present Thomas Mallin for not skowering his dicke in the close called noman parte : *paid.*

12. Wee present Thomas Selbie for not keepeinge the diall in repara at his house end by *Saint Mari's* Courch :<sup>4</sup> *xijd.*

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<sup>1</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

<sup>2</sup> This is written immediately under the above.

<sup>3</sup> 'stynt,' limit, or limited number.

<sup>4</sup> Courch = church.

26. Wee present Oempheray Greaves for taking in the Common well, and makinge a buildinge over yt at bottome of the steares neare the Narow Marsh : *paid iiijd.*

27. Wee present Ompheray Greaves for not skowering his dicke 5 in the Common houmes : *paid.*

30. Wee present Roger Darbshire for buildinge of a beamehouse in the Common houmes, contrarye to our likeinge, and all the rest of the beame houses, and wee desire the may all be pulled vp : *iiijd.*

37. Wee present Robert Baker for streuinge the hie way at 10 Sheepe Lane end with his timber : *paid iiijd.*

38. Wee present the hieway betwene Cowlane barr and Fisher gate to bee in decaye : *amended.* 2783.

XXII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1629, October 12.

*Per orientem.*<sup>1</sup>

Wee present William Recklesse for beatinge the wyfe of John 15 Patten, the vnder pynder, and takinge his Cattle oute of the pynfoulde, and then allsoe lettinge oute other men's cattle thatt then was in the fould, without makinge satisfaccion for them to the parties greved, about the 4th of August last. *Billa vera* :<sup>2</sup> *paid xijd.*

Wee present James Rose for takinge his horse away from the 20 pinder, as hce was goinge with them (*sic*) to the pynfould, aboute the same tyme. *Billa vera* :<sup>2</sup> *xijd.* 76, ro. 4.

By Edward Hargrave.

I doe present George Allein for lea[u]inge a horse vnburied att Saint Nicholas Church lane end : *ijs.*

25 *Item*, Francis Ault for foullinge the woman's markett : *xijd.*

*Item*, John Cooper for Clea[n]singe his priuie, and lea[u]inge it att Saint James lane end vnburied : *vs.* 76, ro. 5.

By John Patten (Under Pinder).

Wee present William Grason for abusinge John Patten, the vnder 30 pinder, in takinge his Cowe to the fould, and beinge rebuked by Maister Parker, late Maior, vsed manie vnfittinge speeches nott beseeinge a Burgesse : *paid ijs. fyne.* 76, ro. 6.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : By the East.

<sup>2</sup> *Translatio* : True Bill.

A presentment per me Thomas Pilling.

Informacion against George Bland, Turner and Wheele maker, an inhabitant in Summercoates, now vscth his trade in Briddull-smith gate, beinge Tennand to Maister Basford. *xrs. fine: to putt in securitie before the nexte Sessions, to secure the towne of his chardge.* 5

Informacion Lykewise against Thomas Pennell for the lyke vseing the same trad: *bound.*

Informacion against Francis Winfeeld for vseing the trad of Turneing and wheele making: *xijd.*

*Billa vera:*<sup>1</sup> All these weare not prentice to the Trad. Desyreing 10 the worshipfull of the bench good consideracion. And my father and selfe shall euer be bound to pray for their health and happines. Right Worshipfull, if I haue no fauoure at this time, I am determind to Leaue my father and mother, and the<sup>2</sup> aged and past their workes. 76, ro. 7. 15

*Per occidentem.*<sup>3</sup>

We presente John Linlyc for sufferinge ale to be deliuered by his servants on the Sabaoth daye, and in dyvine servis tyme: *dead.*

We presente William Watson (*xijd.*) and Gabryell Groues (*xijd.*), Churchwardens in Saint Marye's Parish, for not repayreinge the fence 20 aboute the Church yarde, and for sufferinge swine to roote itt vpp:

We present Hewgh Dobson for sufferinge a Carte with menor<sup>4</sup> in itt to stand in the street over againste the Kinge's hall: *ijs.*

We presente John Watson for thatt his servants doe Caste filth into the Rowell<sup>5</sup> near Mistris Cranwell's howse: *paid vjd.* 76, ro. 10. 25

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>6</sup>

Wee present Thomas Jorden for not bringing in his watch nor Commone worke: *vs.*

Wee present Stare, one of ye waites, for keeping ale one licenct: 7  
*xrs.* 30

We present Richard Gorse for his Children anoying ye street with filth. *Paid vjd.* 76, ro. 12.

*Per orientem.*<sup>8</sup>

*Item,* we present Anne Hynde, Wyddow, for wyllfully puttinge

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* True Bill.

<sup>2</sup> the = they.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation:* By the West.

<sup>4</sup> menor = manure.

<sup>5</sup> See *ante*.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation:* By the Constables.

<sup>7</sup> *i.e.*, unlicensed.

<sup>8</sup> *Translation:* By the East.

hire swyne into Saint Marie's Church yearde, whiche deserves a  
great punyshment : *6d.* 76, ro. 14.

1629, November 5.

Richard Jackson, of the towne of Nottingham, linnen-draper,  
affirmeth that Humfrey Wallis, as he suposeth, had beene drinkinge,  
5 and Came thorowe Walser gate, and, in the sight and heareinge of  
the said Richard, said hee would take William Hall, the bellman, his  
bell from him, sweringe he would breake itt, and soe went to meet  
the said William Hall, and offered to pull his bell from him, and  
when hee Could not gett it, he stroke the said William with a Crabb-  
10 tree Cudgell, and thinketh yf hee had not defended him self well,  
hee would haue endangered his life, for hee broke the Cudgell with  
the violent strikinge of him.

Richard Jackson.

William Hall alsoe affirmeth that the said Humfrey Wallis did  
15 Come vpon him, and offered to pull his bell from him, and when hee  
Could not gett itt, hee stroke him, as Richard Jackson hathe afirmed,  
and soe desireth that the good behavior may be graunted against  
him, the said Humfrey Wallis. William Hall. 76, ro. 29.

XXIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1629, Tuesday, November 24.

*Cornelius Launder*:—This Companie are nott Willinge thatt  
20 Cornelius Launder shall be made Burgesse, in regard theire bee  
allreddy twoe pewterers in the towne who haue children and appren-  
tices thatt are reddey to sett vpp trade themselves ; and therefore noe  
necessitie as yett to geve him addmittance as a Burgesse.

3404, fo. 52.

XXIV.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1629-30.

25 *Item, paid for a coate for the bellman : xiijs. vijd.*

*Item, to Rodes for whippinge a woeman : iiijd.*

*Item, paid for lead tokens and strings for the poore people : ijs. ijd.*

1639, p. 4.

XXV.—*Letter to the Mayor and Aldermen appointing the 3rd October for Training Soldiers, etc.*

1625-1630?<sup>1</sup>

After our very hartie Commendacions : Whereas we haue receiued letters from the lords of his majesty's most honourable priuy counsell, for the veiweing, trayning and putting in a reddines of all the forces, both horse and foote in theis parts : And haueing by vertue of the said letters appointed Tuesday, the third of October next, for the veiweing of part of the said forces at Nottingham, haue therefore thought it requisite to giue you notice thereof, requireing you to make shewe before his Majesty's said coming there, vpon thaforesaid day, of all such forces as at this present you stand chardged withall ; And that none be absent, for that by the foresaid letters there [are] none 10 of his Majesty's seruants in ordinary, noe, nor the Clergiemen, at this tyme, and from this seruice, to be excused. Thus committing you to the tuition of thalmightie, we rest

Your very loueing frends

J. Holles.

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Wyllughby. Jo. Thornaghhoffe.

John Wood.<sup>2</sup> 4648.

XXVI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1629-30, January 18.

Articles shewinge the misdemeaners and evell behavior of James Rose, of the Towne of Nottingham.

1. Firste, hee is a man of Turbulent Speritt, and vncivell behavior, 20 and verie apte to quarrell Amongste his Neighbours.

2. Seacondly, beinge in Companie with three or foure of his Neighbours on the xvijth of Februarie last, beinge distempered with drinke, as verie often hee vssethe to bee, Did there most vncivelly revile and abuse one Humfrey Roberts with most wicked speeches, 25 not onely thereby provokinge the Companie to the breach of his Majeszie's peace, that hee might take some advantage in lawe against

<sup>1</sup> There are only decayed fragments of this letter, and the date does not appear, but it probably belongs to the earlier part of Charles I.'s reign.

<sup>2</sup> Portions of the signatures are torn

off. The letter is indorsed, 'To the right worshipfull, our very loueing frend Maister Maior of ye towne of Nottingham, and the aldermen his brethren.'

some of them, butt alsoe by his gesture and scandalous misdemeanors and termes, as much as in him laye, to make a separacion betweene the said Humfrey Roberts and his wife, beinge honest, orderly, and Cevell Neighbours.

5 3. Thirdly, att the same time, and before the same Companie then present, hee fell into an outeage w<sup>th</sup> the Companie, because they perswaded him to quiettnes and patience, vsinge many bawdy and fillthie tearmes, to the great offence of the Companie.

10 4. Fourthly, hee is a Common frequenter of Alehouses, and when hee is Druncke, Cares nott to whome, or of what persons hee may vent his Drunken vncivell tearmes, as many of his Neighbours haue allreddy found by experience, to theie great greife and vexacions.

15 5. Lastly, the said James Rose hath and doth Contynually indeavor to sett debate and strife betweene the said Humfrey Roberts and his wyfe, and all theire Neighbours by perswadinge them that the said Humfrey and his wyfe doe seeke all theire overthrows as much as in them lyeth, which scandall is most false and vntrewe, And alsoe dothe hinder and molest the servants of the said Humfrey Roberts beinge sent about his lawfull buisines. *Billa vera: Hom-*  
 20 *fridus Roberts, juratus.*<sup>1</sup> 76, ro. 46.

*Per orientem.*<sup>2</sup>

*Imprimis*, we present Robert Collinsonne, of the parishe of Saint Marie's, above the age [of] three score years, for nott Comynge to the Church by the space of three monethes Last past.

25 *Item*, we present Thomas Walker, of the parishe of Saint Peeters, above the age of thirtie, for the lyke.

*Item*, we present Catherin Cooke, of the parishe of Saint Peeters, above the age [of] fortie, for the Lyke.

30 *Item*, we present Elizabeth Nyxe, the wyfe of Leonard Nyxe, Junior, above the age of twentie, for the Lyke.

*Item*, we present Hewe Parke for an Eyving's Dropper,<sup>3</sup> standinge and harknyng at Maister Rychard Cowlshaes wyndow, in his yarde, above a quarter of one hower, about 16 December: *ijs. vjd.*

35 *Item*, we present Maister Nycholas Masten, for Sufferinge his dreane water to be kepte in a well, and then beinge thear heald so Longe, that the stinke and odious smell of it is veric noysome, to the great hurte of neyghbors and other passengers: *fyned.*

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* True Bill: Humphrey Roberts, sworn.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation:* By the East.

<sup>3</sup> Eyving's Dropper = eavesdropper.

*Item*, we present John Smyth, Brasier, for keepinge verie ill Rule in his howse at vnlawfull tymes in the nyght, on Saturday nyght last, to the great disquietnes of his neyghbors : *vs.*

*Item*, we present Hew Parke for nott Sellinge a quart of alle for a penny, the fyfte of September last : *xxs.* 76, ro. 47. 5

XXVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1629-30, Monday, February 22.

*Mills* :—<sup>1</sup>This Companie are agreed thatt a mocion shall be made in thexchequer this nexte tearme, in the Towne's name, by Bill or otherwise, as shalbe aduised by Councell, for the suppressinge of all the Mills in this towne, excepte the Towne's Mills onely, thatt the rents may be better paied, and that the Towne may benifitt thereby, 10 either in the further increase of theire revenewe, or otherwise, as shall [be] aduised : *Maister* Widoson to solícite the same. 3404, p. 53.

1629-30, Monday, March 22.

*St. Anne Well*.—<sup>2</sup>This Companie havinge had some conference this day aboute the meetinge att *Saint Anne well* on Black-monday<sup>3</sup> nexte, and consideringe the antient vse thereof, and lykewise Con- 15 ceivinge thatt the first begynninge thereof was in yttselfe to a good end, and the Contynance<sup>4</sup> lawdable, bothe in ye former and the future tymes, yf the abuses bee taken away ; ytt is therefore ordered and agreed, thatt from henceforthe the same assembly shall contynewe and be held by *Maister* Maior, *Maister*[s] Aldermen, the Coroners, 20 Sheriffs, Councell and Clothinge, as hertofore ; and that *Maister* Maior, *Maister*[s] Aldermen, the Coroners, Sheriffs, The Towneclarke, and the Steward shall pay there for themselves and wyfes (whether they haue anie or nott,<sup>5</sup> or whether they bee present or absent), ijs. ; and all the rest of the Clothinge and Councell, lykewise whether they 25 bee present or absent, xvijd. ; and thatt everie one soe to goe shall geve his attendance on *Maister* Maior att his howse, and wayte on him bothe goinge and Cominge ; and thatt everie one thatt haue [*sic*] wyues, shall lykewise wishe them to attend on *Mistris* Maioris, as hathe been antiently vsed ; And thatt yf anie of the aforementioned of the 30 Aldermen, Coroners, Sheriffs, Councell, Cloathing and others shall make defalte, in nott Accompaninge or attendinge of *Maister* Maior

<sup>1</sup> Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 623.

<sup>2</sup> Quoted by Bailey, *ibid.*, p. 620.

<sup>3</sup> Easter Monday. <sup>4</sup> continuance.

<sup>5</sup> These words are italicized in Bailey.

(vnlesse he or they shalbe lycenced by *Maister* Maior for the tyme beinge), [he or they] shall pay for everie defaulte xijd., to the vse of the pore of *Saint Joane's*, over and besydes the Rates formerly by them to be paied for their dynners. 3404, fos. 56 and 57.

1630, Monday, April 5.

5 *Saint Johnes*: This meetinge was to confer with *maister* Launcelott Curtis and *Maister* Anthonie Curtys, and Martyn Hill touchinge the payment of the C li. nowe due, 10 Aprilis, 1630; and all Martyn Hill can demaund from the towne is xlvijjs. for teachinge; and the towne are content to allowe him ls. where with they are all there  
10 well contented; and vpon the payment of the 100 li., the Companie to deale with them further as they shall see cawse.

And for the C li. nowe due on the 10th day of Aprill, 1630, for which bothe *Maister[s]* Curtys haue geven bond, the towne are nowe content, in regard of *Maister* Curtys' losses hee pretends<sup>1</sup> hee hathe  
15 lost by Martyn Hill, to geue them tyme for the 100 li. thus: 30 li. att Midsommer nexte: 20 li. att Lammas after; 27 li. att our Lady Day, 1631; and 20 li. att our Lady Day, 1632; and the abatement of the iijli. of this 100 li. ys in regard of monies hee claymes for teachinge, and for a close hee nowe partts with. And *Maister* Anthonie Curtys  
20 and Martyn Hill thincke themselves well pleased herewith; and Martyn Hill hath deliuered in his Articles to be made voyed, and bothe *Maister[s]* Curtys are to geue securitie for these payments accordingly. And the Companie are with all convenient speed to take further order for a newe provision and governor for the pore  
25 children, and howse of Correccion, as by lawe some of them are required. 3404, fos. 57-8.

#### XXVIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1630, April 12.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>2</sup>

We present James Riggitt, senior, Bucher, for sellinge of a messilld<sup>3</sup> swyne on Saturdaye last, beinge ye ninth of Aprill, in our  
30 markett shambles: *ijs*.

We presente the waye betwixt ye newe bridge and ye washinge stayers for beinge outt of Repayre: *Camerarii*.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, alleges.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: By the West.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, measled.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: The Chamberlains.

We present Michaell Brightmore forr not skowering the ditch att East Crofte yate : *xjd.*

We desire yat you would be pleased to Rayle in ye Poole at Cheanye bridge for feare of future danger : *done.* 76, ro. 87.

1630, April 23.

Maister Viccars, his obieccions against Mistris Lea and her daughter, touchinge his Child's vsage.

Mistris Lea, contrary to our bargaine and couenants in her bond, hath all this time taught my daughter but one kind of worke, which she could haue done before she went to her; also sent her daily abrode of arrands daily, whereas she was bound to hold her to her needle only, and to teach her all kinds of work.

Likewise, her daughter Elizabeth Lea kept her diuers nights, but two extraordinarily,<sup>1</sup> one at Christmas till 5 a clock i'th' morning, the other of Easter day till 3 in the morning.

Also the said Elizabeth Lea told my wife that Mistris Lea, her mother, commended my daughter for not remembring what Maister Cotes said in his Sermon, with these words: 'Did he not raile of me?' for he doth nothing but raile against papists.

Elizabeth Lea threatend her to tie her to a bed post, and to vse her as neuer any was vsed, which causeth my child to quake and tremble when shee comes in her sight. 76, ro. 96.

#### XXIX.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1630, April 23.

8. *Item*, wee present Henry Sherwin for plowing vp the town's ground in the clay feild neare the beck syde : *vs.*

9. *Item*, wee present Maister Hunt for not making vs a way in his ladye's Closse according to custome : *xijd.*

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38. *Item*, wee present Maister William Nix for incroching vpon the towne's ground in Cole pitt lane with new quicksetts : *vs.*

44. *Item*, wee present Stony street being in great decay for want of pauing : *Camerarii.*<sup>2</sup>

45. *Item*, wee present Hungate for not having a causye yat people cannot carry the dead corps to the church : *Camerarii.*<sup>2</sup>

46. *Item*, wee present Fishar gate to bee in great decay for want of pauing.

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<sup>1</sup> extraordinarily = in particular.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: The Chamberlains.

XXX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1630, June 15.

*Maister Richard Parker*:—And memorandum, thatt this day *Maister Maior* appoynted *Maister William Nixe*, *Maister [John] Alvey*, *Maister [William] Hopkyn*, and *Maister [Roger] Derbshire* to vewe the acre of ground thatt hath beene lost from the Schoole these  
 5 viij. yeares, and ytt appeares thatt *John Smithe* havinge *William Collishawe's* partt in the meddowes, beinge the Schoole land, And fyndinge the same nott to be soe muche as was letten vnto *William Colleshawe*, the saied Smith by appoyntment of *Maister Maior* thatt then was, tooke the saied acre, and layed ytt to his other grownd;  
 10 all which was, after *William Collishawe's* decease, lett to *William Morley*, and *William Morley's* wyfe hathe nowe lett the same to *James Sutyn*, buttcher, whoe holds ytt all in her righte, viz<sup>t</sup> the acre and halfe, and the other acre soe longe missinge, and all for ixs. viiijd., soe thatt nowe ytt appeares by *John Smithe* thatt this acre ys in  
 15 *James Sutyn's* occupacion. 3404, p. 60.

XXXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1630, July 19.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>1</sup>

We presente *Maister Roberte Egginton* for puttinge more Cattell into ye medowes then his stinte,<sup>2</sup> Contrary to ye Coystome of ye towne: *iijs. iiijd.*

20 We presente *John Borrowes*, Cordwayner, for makeinge a nusance in sweepeinge myre into ye Channells: *vjd.*

We presente *Richarde Hodgkin* for ye like: *vjd.*

Wee presente *Maister George Wyddowson* for takeinge Certayne partes in East Crafte, and lettinge the same agayne to forrayners: <sup>3</sup> *ijjs.*

25 Wee present *Anthonye Wylde* for puttinge of a skabed horse ynto *Saint Peter's Church* yarde: *fyned.*

We desire yat the waye in Hungate maye be mended, yat their maye be passage to Carrye ye dead Corpes to the Church, and allsoe Carridges in ye winter tyme.<sup>4</sup> 76, ro. 114.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: By the West.<sup>2</sup> stinte = allowance. See *ante*.<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, non-burgesses.<sup>4</sup> See also Mickleton Jury presentments for April 23.

XXXII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1630, Monday, August 23.

*Sheepe* :—This Companie are agreed thatt the order towching sheepe shalbe reduced to this certenty: (Nottw<sup>th</sup>standinge the former, orders therein), viz<sup>t</sup>, thatt everie Burgesse shall haue 6 score sheepe in the feilds, to be commonable there, from the xxxth day of September yearlye vntill the fourthe day of Nouember yearlye; and those sheepe 5 to be his owne, with relacions as in the former order. 3404, fo. 64.

1630, Monday, September 13.

This Companie are agreed thatt maister Maior, maister James, maister Nixe, and maister Greaves thatt haue nowe Vndertaken to sincke a pitt or pitts in the townes woods and wasts, in hope (by the favours of god), to fynde coales there, and all others thatt shall nowe, 10 before the worke begynne, adventure a partt or proporcion of monie, shall have oute of the workes and Coales, for everie xxs. laied oute v. li., and soe after thatt Rate; and thatt after the worke begin, none shall be admitted to adventure in anie wise, and the saied vndertakers to have such woods oute of the townes Copies and wasts as shall be 15 needfull for the workes, the same to be sett oute and allowed them by suche persons as are appoynted by the order touchinge the felling the towne's woods; and this Companie, in example, haue promised to aduenture such sommes as are sett on their heads, and to pay the same before the workes be begun, and certen persons are lykewise 20 required to goe throwe the seuerall wards to enforme the Common Burgesses thereof, and to knowe whoe, and whatt somme, they will aduenture for the performinge the same worke; and lykewise this Companie are from tyme to tyme to assist theise Vndertakers as their shalbe cawse, and everie one adventuringe vpon the sale of the 25 Coles soe gotten, to be allowed for their monies adventured, after the Rates of fyue pounds for everie xxs. soe adventured.

3404, fos. 65-6.

1630, Monday, September 20.

*Maister Lightfoote* : This Companie are willinge to geve allowance thatt maister Samuell Lightfoote, an Vniversitie man, att the request 30 of maister Leake, the Schoolemaister, and by the approbacion of maister Coats and maister Goodwyn, ministers, and others, (whoe are well satissfyed of his sufficiencie for thatt purpose), shalbe vsher of the freeschoole in the place of maister Burrowes, and shall lykewise

haue and receave the vsuall wages and benifitts therevnto belonging, in hope thatt the saied *maister* Lightfoote will be carefull in the same place, and hereafter geue thatt content thatt shalbe well pleasinge to the Companie, and the generall good of the wholl towne.

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3404, fo. 66.

1630, Monday, September 27.

*Thomas Morrice: Edward Barnes:*—This Companie doe hould ytt fitt thatt there shall be twoe officers appoynted to<sup>1</sup> serve in the Romthe of John Day; and *Maister* Maior and the Aldermen here present havinge named and appoynted Thomas Morrice and Edward  
 10 Barnes to serve as Beadles in this towne, the Companie are agreed thatt they shall receave yearely from the towne for their wages viij. li., to be paied them by xxs. a peice everie quarter, and the other profits to be equally receaved betweene them; *provided* thatt Thomas Morrice shall onely attend the hall, and att *Maister* Maior's howse, as  
 15 there shalbe occasion; and for wayinge of Butter, sealinge of Clothe, and other necessarie busynes, to be weekly done by such officers, shalbe performed by them in a Monthly order and Coorse; butt bothe of them to walke the towne for the orderinge of the poore, and keepinge oute Rouges<sup>2</sup> and vacabounds,<sup>3</sup> in suche manner as shall be  
 20 appoynted them by *Maister* Maior for the tyme beinge; and yf either of them neglecte their Dutyes herein, then annother to be appoynted in the same office; and the Chamberlaynes allwayes to allowe them Yearely att Christmas viijs. a peice towards their coats, vpon their good behaviors; And thatt lykewise they shalbe overseers of the  
 25 howse of Correccion, and geve their attendance there dayly in a Monthly order, as they shalbe commanded by *Maister* Maior for the tyme beinge, and to execute such orders and punishments vpon offenders there, as shalbe commanded them att everie quarter Sessions by the Justices then present.

3404, fo. 67.

XXXIII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1630, October 10.

30 6. Wee present John Bucher for turneing his Cattell louse<sup>4</sup> in the night in teathering time: vs.

<sup>1</sup> to,] 'in,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> Rouges = rogues.

<sup>3</sup> Vacabounds = vagabonds.

<sup>4</sup> louse = loose.

10. Wee present George Walker for taking A burgesse parte, and Sellinge yt to A farenner : *iijs. iiijd.*

12. Wee present William Leake for harboringe men sarvants and Children in the night, at A vnlawfull time, beinge the xjth of October : *xs.*

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13. Wee present Fisher gate to bee in decaye for want of pavinge : *Camerarii.*<sup>1</sup>

17. Wee present maister John James, Alderman, for incroshinge into the Common homes, with his headge in his Lime yarde, more then was let him : *rented.*

10

1630, Michaelmas.

11. Wee present Thomas Jackson for incroshinge one the Pinder Fee, by the Longe hedge, by settinge of stakes : *xijd.*

20. Wee present Densell Ouldum for makinge A shopp before his house in the Broade Marsh end : *xijd.*

21. Wee present Mistris Marye Walker for incroshinge with her 15 pales one the towne wast, neare Grefreer gate.

22. Wee present Morris Baggulay for his house standing some parte one the towne ground neare Greafreer gate : *rented.*

23. Wee present Mistris Marye Walker for makinge A house of office over the rowell :<sup>2</sup> *xijd.*

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31. Wee present the hie way in Gouse gate end, neare vnto Hocklay, to bee in decaye : *amended.*

32. Wee present William Parker for buildinge A shoppe before his dore one the Longe Rowe : *rented.*

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#### XXXIV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1630, October 11.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>3</sup>

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We presente Samuel Willdye for sufferinge sundrye persons to drinke in his house the 22nd of September last past till their shott Came to 7s., and, in the end, fell out aboutt the payinge of itt : *xs.*

We presente Roberte White for sufferinge Hewgh Leadbetter and Richard Brightmore to drinke in his howse till the quarrelled and 30 fought : *xs.*

75, ro. 8.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* The Chamberlains.

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<sup>3</sup> *Translation:* By the West.

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>1</sup>

Wee presente Maister Robert Parker, alderman, for beinge absente  
Two dayes from Common Worke. *xs.*

We present hime for sufering his mastye Dogg to go vnmosled,  
5 being very vnruely : *reformed.*

Wee present Georg Walker, the weaver, for keeping vnruely Com-  
panye in his house all night, beinge the seaventh of August, and  
beinge toulde of it by the Watchmen, said if it weare to do ageane,  
he would do itt : *xs.*

10 Wee present the said Georg Walker for vsinge vnlawfull Games  
vpon the Sabothe dayes, as Tables and other games : *xs.* 75, ro. 12.

XXXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1630, Monday, November 22.

2	Maister [Richard] Parker, Alderman	} are required to buy for the vse of the poore of this towne, soe soone as conveniently may bee, xx. quarters of barley, and fyue quarters of pease, and weekly to deliuer by pecks and halfe-pecks to the pore, accordinge to the greatenes or number of theire families, and att some reasonable prices, vnder the markt ; and the losse to be from tyme to tyme borne by the towne ; and that, as the same is or shalbe spent there, other men to be appoynted to supplie this service, aswell in Buyinge and sellinge, as in the deliuerie thereof to the pore as aforesaied.
	Maister [William] Nixe	
	Maister [Gabriel] Bateman	
15	Maister [Roger] Derbishire	
	Thomas Jackson	

*Dyers and Clothworkers* :—This day the companie of the Dyers  
25 and Clothworkers moved this Companie for a Confirmacion of their  
ordinances, and the same beinge redd, this companie doe well approue  
of the same ordynances, soe thatt the same ocupacion, from tyme to  
tyme, yearly, att or before the Chamberlaynes accompte, doe pay to  
the vse of the Corporacion, in regard of their assistance and allowance  
30 thereof, the some of xls. togeather with such other profits as shall  
yearely arise or growe to the benifitt of the Corporacion, by reason  
of the penalties or forfeitures mencioned in the saied ordynances.

3405, p. 48.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : By the Constables.

Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 624.

1630, Monday, December 6.

*Shoppes and Stalls:* Ytt is ordered from henceforth, thatt noe Burgesse or other person within this towne thatt hathe and holdethe a shopp or a stall from the towne as tenant att will, and nott by lease, shall, directly or indirectly, passe away anie shopp or stall thatt hee holdethe from the towne, before the said parties, seller and taker, doe 5 first come before the Companie att theire nexte meetings, and theire make theire contracts knowne to the Companie of the Common Councill, and haue theire allowance and approbacion to suche contracte or passinge awaye; vpon payne to the parties offendinge herein to forfeyte v. li. to the vse of the Corporacion, and the same 10 shopp or stall to be then in the towne's handes, to dispose of the same as this companie shall thincke fittinge. 3405, fo. 49.

XXXVI.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1630-1.

*Necessarie Expenses.*

<i>Item</i> , for Clensing the house of office in the old barrs, and makinge vp the wall and hole againe . . . . .	xxvs. iijd. 15
	1640, fo. 3.
<i>Item</i> , paid to boye-Clothes for three boyes that went voluntarie Souldiers . . . . .	xxs.
<i>Item</i> , paid the drummers for Midsommer even . . . . .	ijs.
<i>Item</i> , for makinge of eleaven paire of indentures for prentices put forth, beinge poore orphans . . . . .	xis. 20
	1640, fo. 6.

XXXVII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1630-1, January 17.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>1</sup>

We desire and Intreat y<sup>t</sup> their maye be some redress and order taken for the poor, ether to sett them on worke to cloth making, or 25 ells thatt every man maye be cessed accordinge to his abillitie, y<sup>t</sup> soe they may be kept att home, and restrained from swarming in our streetes, as they doe, bouth ould and yonge; or ells y<sup>t</sup> every man maye kepe his oune tenants.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* By the West.

Allsoe we desire y<sup>t</sup> notice may be giuen both too wydowe Barnes the Elder, and allsoe wydowe Barnes ye yonger, y<sup>t</sup> they may be restrained from kepeinge of LinColne markett, wher we are credilbie (*sic*) Informed y<sup>t</sup> the sicknes doth Increase very sore of late tyme :  
 5 *done.* 75, ro 36.

XXXVIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1630-1, Wednesday, January 26.

*Eastcrofte* :—This Companie are agreed thatt Eastcrofte shall nott be lett from henceforth for sheepe to be putt in winter tyme, butt thatt the tenants shall haue and enioye the same as heretofore ytt hath beene antiently vsed, in regard the tenants doe pay xxxjs. of  
 10 increase of Rent, to haue the same reserved to themselves in winter for the betteringe theire sommer profitts.

*Armitage* :<sup>1</sup>—Ytt is agreed thatt *Maister* [Richard] Recklesse, *Maister* [John] Perrie, and *Robertt* Gaskoyne and *Thomas* Whittington, by the ouersight<sup>2</sup> of the Bridgemaisters, shall dyvide the *Armitage*<sup>1</sup>  
 15 into twoe equall *partts*, by dittchinge the same or otherwise, as the Bridgmaisters shall thincke meete ; *Maister* Recklesse and *Maister* Perrie to haue one Moitie, and *Robertt* Gaskoyne and *Thomas* Whittington to haue the other *partt* ; and soe they to enioye them for theire Burgesse *partts* att the rents they nowe are att.

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3405, fo. 50.

XXXIX.—*Deed of Gift for the Help of Young Burgesses, etc.*

1630-1, February 8.

TO ALL *Christian* people to whom this present writinge shall come :  
 Robert Staples, of the Towne of Nottingham, *gentleman*, late one of the Aldermen of the saied Towne, sendeth greetinge in our Lord God Everlastinge : Knowe yee me the saied Robert Staples, for and  
 25 in Consideracion of the great loue and affection which I beare to the Corporacion of the saied Towne of Nottingham, and for the better helpe, advancement, and preferment of the yonge thrivinge Burgesses therein that haue Trades and occupacions, yett want stocke to sett vppe or exercise the same, To haue geven, and by this my present  
 30 writinge doe geue, vnto the Maior and Burgesses of the saied towne of Nottingham, and to their Successors for ever, the somme of fortie pounds in reddie monie, to remaine and to be lent to Eighte yonge

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, Hermitage.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, superintendence.

men and Burgesses of the saied Towne of Nottingham, and inhabitinge within the same Towne, by equall porcions, att five pounds a man, and for sixe whole yeares, freelie and without payeing any Interest or other Consideracion for and in respect of the same; the saied Eighte<sup>1</sup> Burgesses puttinge in good securitie for the prepay-  
ment thereof att the end of the saied terme of sixe yeares, in such  
manner and forme as the persons hereafter named to haue the Ellec-  
cion and nominacion of the same Eighte Burgesses shall direct and  
appointe: AND after the same Eighte Burgesses haue held and  
enjoyed the same fortie pounds, att five pounds a man as aforesaied,<sup>10</sup>  
and for and duringe the terme of sixe whole yeares as aforesaied,  
then other Eighte Burgesses of the saied Towne of Nottingham, and  
inhabitinge within the saied Towne, to haue the same fortie pounds  
bye equall porcions, att five pounce a man, for the Terme of other  
sixe yeares, puttinge in securitie for repayment thereof as aforesaied:<sup>15</sup>  
AND soe the same order and Rate of five pounds to a man, soe to be  
lent as aforesaied, shall haue Continuance in the same Towne of  
Nottingham from sixe yeares to sixe yeares forever. The same  
Eighte Burgesses from tyme to tyme to bee nominated, Ellected,  
Chosen and appointed by Alexander Staples, my kinsman, nowe one<sup>20</sup>  
of the Aldermen of the saied Towne of Nottingham, and Robert  
Greaves, nowe Towne clarke of the same Towne, duringe their  
naturall lives, and duringe the life of the Survivor of them the saied  
Alexander Staples and Robert Greaves. AND after the deathe and  
decease of them the saied Alexander Staples and Robert Greaves,<sup>25</sup>  
and the Survivor of them, then the same Eight Burgesses to be  
named, Ellected, chosen and apointed from tyme to tyme, and att all  
tymes hereafter forever, by the Maior, Recorder, Aldermen and  
Towneclarke of the same Towne of Nottingham, or the greater partt  
of them for the tyme beinge, and their Successors forever. IN<sup>30</sup>  
WITNES whereof, I the saied Robert Staples to bothe partts of this  
Indenture haue putt my Hand and Seale the viiith day of Februarie,  
in the sixte yeare of the Raigne of *our Soueraigne* lord Charles, by  
the grace of God kinge of England, Scotland, Fraunce and Ireland,  
defender of the faith, etc. 1630.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 'Eighte,' MS.<sup>2</sup> The signature and seal of Robert Staples are appended to the original document, which was also 'sealed and delivered in the presence of Alex. Staples, Ald. Ro. Greaves, [and] Richard Lovett.' There is

an indorsement, dated January, 1828, by Mr. H. Enfield, the then Town Clerk, that 'there is not any mention of this Money in the Corporation Year-Books since the Year 1695.'

XL.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1631, April 4.

*Coram Maiore et omnibus Aldermannis.*<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Roger Ryly saithe thatt John Pepper tould him att Mansfeild thatt *Maister* [John] James, *Alderman*, had receaved a Barrell of beare for a bribe of him this examynat, and thatt itt was a starr-  
5 chamber matter :

Pepper saith thatt none can be punished for nott sellinge a quartt of Ale for a pennie by the lawe of *primo Jacobi*,<sup>3</sup> for thatt the same statute is expired, and hee would [be] Justified.

Robert Parker saith thatt Pepper tould him, att Mansfeild, thatt  
10 *Maister* [John] James, *Alderman*, had receaved a Barrell of beare for a bribe from Roger Ryley. 3405, p. 72.

1631, August 15.

*Maister* Maior, *Maister* Recklesse, *Maister* Parker, *Maister* Dodsley, *Maister* Cooke, *Maister* Nixe, *Maister* Bateman, Walter Edmons, William Wattson, Thomas Jackson, *Maister* James, *Maister* Collishawe,  
15 *Maister* Gregorie, *Maister* Hynde, *Maister* Baguley, *Maister* Staples, *Maister* Derbishire :—These are required to oversee thatt everie howsholder in their seuerall wards shall in *person* ward the towne in the day-tyme by coorse, as the wattche goes, to the end thatt all those thatt shall come to the towne from places visited,<sup>4</sup> or suspected  
20 to be visited, may be restrayned ; and the asistants appoynted to everie Alderman to be carefull in his absence for callinge the howseholders for performance of this service. 3405, fo. 57.

1631, *Monday*, December 12.

*Mills* :—<sup>5</sup>This Companie are agreed thatt the sute begone formerly in *Maister* Staples' tyme, against those thatt haue forrayne Mills, to  
25 the hurtt and hinderance of the towne, shall goe on the nexte tearme, withall expedicion ; and then the towne's tenants of their Mills to be dellte with for their tearmes, as the Companie can compound with them, soe thatt the benefitt thereof may wholly come to the towne's vse. 3406, p. 42.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : In the presence of the Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

<sup>2</sup> This entry is noticed by Bailey under date 1630, vol. ii, p. 624.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation* : First of James.

<sup>4</sup> visited = plague-stricken.

<sup>5</sup> Noticed by Bailey, vol. iii., p. 623.

XLI.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1631-2.

*Necessarie Expense.*

December : <i>Item</i> for holly and Ivye for the hall . . .	ijd.
Februarie : <i>Item</i> , for makinge twoe formes, and the feete and backs sett in the armorie at the hall . . .	iijs. xd.
<i>Item</i> , for 32 hooks to hange the bucketts in the hall . . .	iijs. iiijd. 5
	1641, fo. 5.
<i>Item</i> , paid William Jackson for paintinge the Cloth in the Town's hall, and for nayles to sett it vp . . .	xxvs.
<i>Item</i> , paid for a brand to marke Cattell . . .	ijs.
	<i>Ibid.</i> , fo. 8. 10
<i>Item</i> , for 3 proclamacions, j. for Lent, j. for gentlemen to reside in their Countrie, 1 for the King's evell . . .	vijs. vjd.
	<i>Ibid.</i> , fo. 10.

*Reparacions.*

<i>Item</i> , for glasinge and mendinge the hall windowes . . .	xs. 15
<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the higheway att free schoole . . .	ijs. vjd.
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 12.
<i>Imprimis</i> , paid for exchange of the Town's pewter as appears by the bill . . . . .	xvijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , for carriage of stoops <sup>1</sup> and rayles to the Hollowston and Broadlane, and layinge them at the Rowell <sup>2</sup> in Listergate . . . . .	20 ijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , for bords, nayles, and mendinge the Shambles dores, and the pillorie . . . . .	iijs.
<i>Item</i> , for wood, and makinge a shutt rayle in Goose gate . . .	vs. 25
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 13.
<i>Item</i> , for hewing downe both the ways without Chappell Barr, and at Foxe Lane end . . . . .	v.li. xiijs. iiijd.
<i>Item</i> , for makeinge the beadle and Constables' staves . . .	iijs. xd.
<i>Item</i> , for halfe a thousand of bricks for the rowell <sup>2</sup> att Hungate . . . . .	30 xs.
<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the doores and lockes at the lether Chambers . . . . .	xiiijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid Somers and his man for tylinge the Spice chambers and Shambles . . . . .	xjs. ijd. 35
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 14.

<sup>1</sup> 'stoops,' rails.<sup>2</sup> 'Rowell,' sewer.

	<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the place for the Markett bell, and hanginge the bell. . . . .	iiijs. viijd.
	<i>Item</i> , for pauinge on Longe Rowe and other plac[e]s, and Carriage of sand and rubbishe . . . . .	vs. vjd.
5	<i>Item</i> , paid Robert Baker for 3 stoops <sup>1</sup> in Hungate . . . . .	vs.
	<i>Item</i> , for a Cord to tye the woman in the cuckstoole, and mendinge a wheelebarrow, and a new key . . . . .	jxd.
	<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the town's racks . . . . .	xd.
	<i>Item</i> , for sauderinge the gutters at the hall . . . . .	iijs. vjd.
10		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 15.
	<i>Item</i> , for hayre to blend with lyme . . . . .	ijs. jxd.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for settinge vp the Armes in the hall . . . . .	xijd.
	<i>Item</i> , paid for mendinge the waye in the Wood Lane . . . . .	iijs.
	<i>Item</i> , for settinge stepps nere the pillorie . . . . .	vjd.
15		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 16.

XLII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1632, Monday, April 9.

*Preacher for Saint Maries*: This Companie are contented to allowe to a preachinge minister in *Saint Maries* parishe (suche an one as *maister* Hansbie and the parishe shall agree to electe), x. li. for this yeare, to be paid quarterly by the *Bridgemaisters* oute of  
 20 their receipts; and soe to have contynewance for further tyme, as this companie shall thincke fittinge, and accordinge to the desertt or qualitie of the same preacher soe to be elected as aforesaid.

3406, p. 44.

1632, Monday, June 19.

*Tith hay lett for 2 yeares*:—This companie are agreed thatt  
 25 Thomas Jackson and Homfrey Greaves shall haue the Tithe-hay in the feilds and medowes of this towne, as hath beene vsed to be taken by the Schollwardens, from May day last, for twoe yeares, they payinge xvij. li. *per Annum* to the Schollwardens before *Michaelis*<sup>2</sup> yearely, and allowinge to the 49 Burgesses their loads of hay, as  
 30 they are in the Booke, att vs. the loade, or otherwise 7s., in case anie shall refuse their reasonable loads offered by the farmers thereof; and lykewise to pay to the pore Burgesses and wydowes mencioned in the Schoole Rentall suche *sommes* as ys sett vpon their heads, and

<sup>1</sup> See *ante*.<sup>2</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

amountinge to the valewe of iij. li. xviiij. yearly, att suche tymes as beene heretofore paied them; and they to pay the chardges of the gettinge thereof; and vpon theire due performance of this order, accordinge to the playne intent hereof, for avoydinge of the Clamor of the porer sortt, this companie are content they shall have ytt 5 Contynewed vnto them for longer tyme, yf ytt then shall be thoughte fittinge and convenient by the companie then in beinge, otherwise nott.

3406, p. 47.

1632, Monday, August 27.

*Shreves*:—This companie are content thatt the Shreves nowe in beinge shall haue libertie to make theire feast att Thurland howse, 10 nottwithstandinge the order to be made att the hall.

3406, p. 50.

XLIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1632, October 8.

*The Constables' Presentment.*

*Item*, wee present Mistris Callton for keepinge disordered Company, and drinkinge in her house on the Sabboth day in the Sermon time, the 24 day of September last: *xs.*

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*Item*, wee present Thomas Dodd for the like the 24 day September: *xs.*

*Item*, wee present William Jackson, the painter, for takinge in a poore man with a charge of children into his house in Beareward lane; one Deane: *xxs.*

77, ro. 2, 20

*Per orientem.*<sup>1</sup>

Wee present Maister Richard Parker, Alderman, for being absent from Common worke ij. days: *paid.*

We present Maister Staples for doinge nothings at all: *xxxs.*

Wee present Maister Robert Parker, Alderman, for one daye's 25 absence: *xs.*

Wee present maister Littlefeere, the Elder, for ij. dayes absence: *xs.*

77, ro. 5.

XLIV.—*Extract from the Will of William Collinson.*

1632, November 14.

*Item*, I will and appoint yat after the decease of Elizabeth Parker, my mother, there shalbee giuen to the needfull<sup>2</sup> poore of Saint 30

<sup>1</sup> Translation: By the East.<sup>2</sup> needfull = needy.

Nicholas parish, Nottingham, yearely, the somme of xxs., to bee bestowed in bread, and distributed halfe yearely ; the first distribucion to begin the same day twellue monethes in which it shall happen my said mother to depart this life,<sup>1</sup> and soe to continue durence the  
 5 space of xx<sup>ty</sup> yeares then next followeing, by xs. euery halfe-yeare.

And I will likewise that there bee A sermon made by some sufficient and able man vpon the said daies in which the said bread shalbee distributed in the Church of Saint Nicholas aforsed (if the parson there will permitt it), or, otherwise, in the Church of Saint  
 10 Peeter in Nottingham ; the parson shall haue for his paines for euery sermon xs. All which I will shall bee issueing and goeing forth of my lands in Nottingham.

4744.

#### XLV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1632-3, Monday, February 18.

*Underwoods* : —Ytt is ordered by this companie, thatt noe person or persons whattsoeuer shall att anie tyme hereafter from henceforth  
 15 fettche, cutt vpp, or carrie away anie trowse<sup>2</sup> or vnderwood oute of anie partt of the townes woods or copies, before the same person or persons haue first obteyned lycence therevnto from the maior and Councell for the tyme beinge ; and thatt the same be entred vpon record before the same companie, vpon payne to everie one offendinge  
 20 herein to forfeyte for everie offence xs., yf hee haue wherewith, or otherwise such severe punishments as by the lawes in such cases are to be inflicted vpon such offenders.

3407, p. 36.

*Leases* : Ytt is ordered thatt all leases from henceforth to be graunted or made of anie partt of the towne's lands shalbe sealed  
 25 before the Maior and Common Councell, and suche Aldermen as have the keepinge of the keyes of the Common Seale ; and yf anie person to whome such lease is graunted doe nott come, within three monethes after suche grauntinge thereof, to haue his lease sealed, and to seale a Counter-partt thereof, accordinge to the agreament made  
 30 with him, thatt then suche grauntt to such person or persons soe made to be voyed, and the same to be lett or disposed to annother Burgesse thatt shalbe thoughte fitt by the Companie to be capable of the same.

3407, fo. 37.

<sup>1</sup> A note in the margin of the MS. says :  
 'She died 13 Maii, 1651.'

<sup>2</sup> 'Trowse,' brushwood, etc.

XLVI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1632-3, March 18.

*Coram Maiore et Magistro Staples, etc.*<sup>1</sup>

Henrie Hill, of the towne of Nottingham, Glover, beinge before Maister Maior and Maister Staples in Maister Maior's house, did swere manye blasphemous othes, and with wiked, vile, and opprobrious speeches, Revile and most lewldly speake, both againste them 5 and theire authorities, with suche vndecent and vncivell speeches as are not fittinge to be vttered; wherevpon the good behavior is by them bothe graunted against the said Henrie Hill.

*20<sup>o</sup> Marcii,<sup>2</sup> etc., 1632.*

*Henricus Hill, de villa Nottinghamiac, glover, in xx. li., Henrie 10 Baguley et Willelmus Watson in x. li. uterque, quod praedictus Henricus Hill comparuerit ad proximam General Sessions, etc., ad respondendum, etc.*<sup>3</sup>

77, ro. 45.

1633, May 6.

To the Right Worshipfull, Measter Maior, Measter Recorder, and the rest of the Worshipfull the Brethern (*sic*). 15

The humble Petition of John Corbye, the poore prentice of William Grasvn,<sup>4</sup> of Nottingham, Bucher.

Humblye Desyreinge your good Worships commisserate<sup>5</sup> of the cause of a Distressed prentice, and the great myssery he hath Indured in his service, Who hath beene euer willinge to please and 20 giue content to his maister and Dame, with great extremitie beinge sent barfoote and bareledged (*sic*) in the could Winter, and fasting, about his mester's Busines, and many times beinge kept fast vntill two of the clocke in the afternoons, and could no waiese giue them content, except I would vse vnlawfull meaines in eating vp other 25 mane's grasse with my [mester] his cattell, or breake hedges to Bringe some when I could not Dispatch his busines so sounne as hee would haue had me, with vnlawfull correction and threatninges, and now hath turned me away, haueinge serued two yeares, and Beinge Broug[h]t againe by my good frend William Bond, of Bradmore, 30

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: Before the Mayor and Mr. Staples, etc.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: 20th March.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: Henry Hill, of the town of Nottingham, glover, in £20, Henry Baguley and William Watson in

£10 each, that the aforesaid Henry Hill shall appear at the next General Sessions, etc., to answer, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Grasvn = Graysun (Grayson).

<sup>5</sup> *i.e.*, commiseration.

and my measter will not receaue me, nor suffer me to stay in his house. I<sup>1</sup> humbly beseech your good Worshippes that I maye Be sett free from my measter, and haue my money, which my measter had with me: the[re] was 5 li. in (*sic*), and twoe Loads of coalles, being almost the whole state the which my father [was] able to Disburs[e], but onely for my good.

If your good Worshippes in charitie pittie my case, I shall Be euer Bound to pray for your good Worships health and happines.

Humbly Beseechinge your good Worships that you Vouchsafe will, in charitie Commiserate the Distres of a pore prentice.

77, ro. 65.

XLVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1633, Monday, June 17.

*George Wheatley's fyne* :—Memorandum, thatt att a priue Sessions holden att the towne of Nottingham, xvijth day of May 1633, George Wheately and others beinge Indyted for a dangerous Ryott made vpon one John Redferne and others, and the Indytement beinge fownd, the Coortt theire Committed them to prison vntill they paid the fyne of viij. li. for theire Ryott, as by the Records of the Sessions more playnely appeareth, which saied fyne, beinge in the hands of some of the Justices, was Claymed by the Shreves<sup>2</sup> to be wholly due to them, yett, notwithstandinge, they were contented to reserve themselves to the Judgment of this Companie, whoe doe nowe order, as appeareth by the oppynions sett on theire seuerall heads, thatt the towne shall onely retayne 40s. in theire hands, and the rest, beinge vi. li., ys deliuered to the Sheriffs, whoe are well satisfied with this agreement; and, memorandum, afterwards, Maister Maior, att Maister James his intreaty, gaue xxs. backe to George Wheately, and the other xxs. was deliuered to Homfrey Greaves, Chamberlayne, to bringe in accompts.

3407, fo. 42.

XLVIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1633, July 15.

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>3</sup>

Item, [*wee doe present*] Maister Michaell Cooke's man, namely, John Rawson, for sweeping of the street vpon the sabboth daye: *xijd.*<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 'I' repeated in MS.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, Sheriffs.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.

<sup>4</sup> This fine is cancelled in the MS.

*Item*, John Wright, chapman, for Annoyeinge of the streete with a mullock :<sup>1</sup> *iijs. iiijd.*

*Item*, John Parsons for Annoyeinge Byard Lane with Rammell<sup>2</sup> And filth : *iijs. iiijd.*

*Item*, Thomas Jacson, miller, for Refusinge to sell drinck out of 5 doore, And keepinge ale in his house : *iijs. iiijd.*

*Item*, Robert Haszard for Annoyeinge the street with swine muck : *xijd.*

*Item*, Mary, the wyfe of John Rawson, Carpinder, for scouldinge : *10*  
*ducked.*

*Item*, Mistris Caulton, widdow, for sufferinge a tumult in her house, with disguysed Persons, to scare certayne women yat came thither for there Husbands : *xijd.* 77, ro. 69.

#### XLIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1633, Monday, July 29.

*Caryadges presented to serve the Kinge.* Ytt is ordered and agreed by this companie, thatt yf anie warrant shall happen to come to the 15 towne to take vpp anie Cartt or cartts, or other cariadges, for the King's service, or the service of anie nobleman, att anie tyme from henceforthe, thatt all suche townsemen as haue cartts or droughts<sup>3</sup> in the towne att the tyme of the cominge of anie suche warrant, shall presently contribute and pay such Rate and proporcion of monie to 20 the owners of those Cariadges thatt shall serve, as the length of the Journey, by the appoyntment and direccion of this companie from tyme to tyme they shall be lymitted and Rated att; and the Constables for the tyme beinge to see carefully for the providinge and orderinge of suche carriadges, thatt the service may be respectively 25 performed, and to sommon the residue of the dravghts to make equall contribucion to the rest, accordinge to the intent of this order, and as is agreeable to reason. 3407, p. 42.

1633, Tuesday, October 15.

*Order:* Ytt is ordered and agreed by the Companie, thatt yff anie Burgesse or Burgesses wyfe thatt shall haue a Burgesse partt allotted 30 vnto him or her by the Companie, in his or her antientie and seniorite, and after shall refuse to accepte the same, and also yf anie other thatt

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, a dust or rubbish heap.

<sup>2</sup> rubbish.

<sup>3</sup> draughts = drays.

allredy hathe a Burgesse partt, shall geve the same vpp, in hope of  
 annother or better partt, Thatt then in both such cases, everie such  
 Burgesse soe refusinge or geving vpp his or her Burgesse partt, shall  
 for ever be barred<sup>1</sup> from havinge anie other preferment or Burgesse  
 5 partt; the partts fallinge to them, or anie of them, as they shalbe  
 Chamberlaynes in Eastcrofte or Westcrofte, and the Closes fallinge  
 to the Aldermen, in regard of theire places, onely excepted.

3408, p. 52.

*Order:* Ytt is ordered and agreed thatt noe person inhabytinge in  
 10 this towne shall from henc[e]forth lay anie Mucke, Mull,<sup>2</sup> sweepings,  
 or Menor<sup>3</sup> vpon anie of the towne's wasts or Commons (other then  
 on the Common Muckhills or Dunghills therevnto allredy appoynted  
 and assigned), vnlesse the same person or persons first have lycence  
 therevnto from the Maior and Common Cuncell for the tyme beinge,  
 15 or the greater partt of them, and thatt noe person havinge a private  
*Muckhill shall sell the same to anie forreyner lyvinge oute of the towne,*  
*without the lyke consent of the same Companie;*<sup>4</sup> and allsoe thatt noe  
 forreyner shalbe admitted to carrie anie Mucke from the Common  
 Muckhills, or those waste grownds, before hee haue lycence therevnto  
 20 from the Maior and Cuncell, or the greater partt of them; And yf  
 anie person or persons doe lay anie Mucke or dunge vpon anie of the  
 saied wasts, nott havinge lycence as aforesaid, thatt then ytt shalbe  
 lawefull for anie person thatt is a Burgesse, to take the same away as  
 freely as yf ytt were layed vpon anie of the Common Muckhells.

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3408, p. 52.

L.—<sup>5</sup>*Exchequer Order concerning the Passing of the Accounts  
 of the Sheriff of Nottingham.*

1633, November 27.

*Inter ordines de Termino Sancti Michaelis, Anno nono Regis  
 Caroli in Scaccario ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii remanentes,  
 inter alia Continentur vt sequitur, videlicet:—*

*Mercurio xxvij<sup>to</sup> Novembris.*<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> barred = debarred.<sup>2</sup> 'mull,' dust, dirt, rubbish.<sup>3</sup> 'Menor,' manure.<sup>4</sup> The words italicized are underscored in the Council Book.<sup>5</sup> From a copy on paper.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation:* Among the orders of the Term of Saint Michael, in the ninth year of King Charles, in the Exchequer on the part of the Remembrancer of the Treasury remaining, among other things is contained as follows, that is to say:—

Wednesday, 27th November.

*Villa Nottinghamiae*.<sup>1</sup>—Whereas Maister Bowne, of Councell with the Mayor and Burgesses of the Towne of Nottingham, informed this Court, that by reason of an Order of this Courte made in Michaelmas Terme, in the sixth yeere of his Maiestie's raigne, by which noe allowance was to bee given to Lords or Bayliffes of 5 Liberties of *Exitus coram Baronibus de Tenentibus Regis*,<sup>2</sup> nor *Exitus de se*;<sup>3</sup> the Sheriffes of the said Towne of Nottingham are stopped in the Pipe from passinge their Accomptes; whereas it is conceaued that the said Order whereby they are stopped concerned Lords and Bayliffes of Liberties, and not Citties or Townes Corporate: And, 10 besides, it is conceaued that the Case of Wenlocke Libertie, mencioned in the said Order, by which it is adiuged that that Libertie doth not carrye *Exitus coram Baronibus de Tenentibus Regis*,<sup>4</sup> doth differ from the Case of the said Towne of Nottingham, for they have those issues by speciall graunts and Charters, and they have beene 15 allwayes allowed vnto the said Mayor and Burgesses till the said Order was made: And for the Statute of *Vicesimo Septimo Henrici Octavi*, *Capite vicesimo quarto*,<sup>5</sup> also mencioned in that Order, whereby *Exitus de se*<sup>3</sup> are taken away from Lords of Liberties, it is also conceaued it doth not extend to Citties or Townes Corporate, For their 20 Liberties and Franchesies are saved vnto them by a speciall proviso in the said Statute, and therefore humblye prayed that the like Allowance of the said severall Titles might bee made vnto the said Towne of Nottingham as formerly they have had, and that they might passe their Accomptes accordingly; Inasmuch as it is not 25 determined whether the said Titles belong vnto the said Towne vppon any speciall Clayme made by the said Towne vnto those Titles since the makinge of the said Order of restraint, yett, in respect they were formerlye allowed, and it is fitt that the Accomptes should bee passed, It is therefore this daye ordered that the said 30 severall Titles of *Exitus coram Baronibus de Tenentibus Regis*,<sup>6</sup> and *Exitus et Amerciamenta de se*<sup>7</sup> shall bee respited vppon the said Sheriffs' Accomptes vntill Easter Terme next, to the end the said

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: Town of Nottingham.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: Issues before the Barons of the Tenants of the King.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: Issues of themselves.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: Issues before the Barons of the King's tenants.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: Twenty-seventh of Henry VIII., chapter xxiv.

<sup>6</sup> See *ante*.

<sup>7</sup> *Translation*: Issues and Amercements of themselves.

Mayor and Burgesses may in the meane tyme make their Clayme, and shewe their title to the said yssues, and for the residue in their Chardge, the Sheriffes are to passe their Accompts without any restraints, notwithstanding the former order; howbeit, for soe much  
 5 of the said Titles as are allreadie leaved, the Sheriffes are to bring it into this Courte, to bee disposed of as this Courte shall order.

*Per Curiam.*<sup>1</sup> 4658.

LI.—*Exemplification of a Decree in the Duchy Court of Lancaster respecting the toll payable by tenants of the Duchy in the town of Nottingham.*

1633-4, February 18.

*Carolus, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defensor, etc., Omnibus ad quos praesentes Litterae nostrae per-*  
 10 *venerint, salutem.*

*Inspeximus tenorem cujusdam Decreti sive Recordi in Camera Ducati Lancastriae apud Westmonasterium inter Recorda ejusdem Ducati ibidem remanentia et existentia, in haec verba:—Die Jovis, Sexto Februarii, 1633. In Camera Ducati Lancastriae Termino Hillarii,*  
 15 *Anno Regni Caroli Nono. Inter Edwardum Mosley, Attornatum Domini Regis Ducati Lancastriae, per Informationem querentem, et Majorem et Burgenses villae Nottinghamiae, Defendentes.*<sup>2</sup>

Whereas there is a suite now dependinge in this Courte, and for a longe tyme heretofore there haue bene seuerall suites betweene  
 20 the Tennants, Resiants<sup>3</sup> and Inhabitants of and within the fee and Seigniorie of the Duchie of Lancaster, and the Maior, Burgesses and Inhabitants of and within the Towne of Nottingham, for and concerning the payment of divers duties claymed by the said Maior and Burgesses of the said Duchie Tennants, Resiants<sup>3</sup> and Inhabitants  
 25 within the Duchie fee, for goods and Merchandizes bought and sould,

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* By the Court.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation:* Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc. To all to whom our present Letters shall come, greeting. We have inspected the tenor of a certain decree or record in the Chamber of the Duchy of Lancaster at Westminster among the records of the same Duchy there remaining and existing,

in these words:—Thursday, the sixth of February, 1633. In the Chamber of the Duchy of Lancaster, in Hilary Term, in the ninth year of the reign of Charles. Between Edward Mosley, Attorney of the Lord King of the Duchy of Lancaster, by Information plaintiff, and the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, defendants.

<sup>3</sup> Resiants = residents.

or put to sale within the said Borough, in the tymes of Faires and marketts there, from the payment whereof the said Duchie Tennants claymed and doe clayme to be free by *prescripcion*, graunts, and acts of Parliament made for confirmacion of the Liberties, immunities, and 5  
priviledges of the said Duchie; And the said Maior and Burgesses doe challenge the said Duties by *prescripcion* and ancient Charters; Which cawse now dependinge, havinge had seuerall hearinges in this Courte, before the Right Honorable the Chauncellor and Councell of the Courte, assisted from tyme to tyme by severall iudges, assistants 10  
of the same, and the Courte takinge into Consideracion the state of the said Borough, and that the same is houlden by a Fee farme rent of Threescore and Three Pounds, Sixteene Shillings and a Penny, besides the Yearely Profers, and consideringe that the said Maior and Burgesses are otherwise diversly charged, and that the said duties are in aide thereof, It was ordered by an order of the Five and twentyth 15  
of November, in Michaellmas Terme last, by the Right Honorable the Chancellor and Councell of this Courte, Assisted with Sir Humfrey Davenport, Lord Cheife Baron of his *Majestie's* Exchequer, and one of the Judges Assistants of this Courte, by Waye of accomodacion and amicable composicion Without preiudice to the claymes on either 20  
parte, and with such Cautions and Provisoecs as in the said order more at large are expressed, that the said Duchie Tennants, of what honor or possessions soever, should, from the Twentyth daye of February from thence next ensuinge, paye in the marketts and Faires of the said Towne of Nottingham, for goods and merchandizes 25  
bought, sould, or put to sale there, halfe soe much as any other paye for like duties. In *which* order, It was expressed that the said Duchie Tennants, before this present Terme of *Saint* Hillary, should be made acquainted with the said order, To *which* if they assented before the sixt daye of this instant February, then the said order to 30  
be absolute; But if they should dislike, or not signifie their likinge thereof, then the Courte intended to leaue them to a tryall at Lawe; And if the said Maior and Burgesses refuse to stand to the said order, or, before the said Sixt daye of February, signifie their mislike thereof, then the Courte purposed to decree the matter against them, 35  
As by the said order more at large appeareth, Accordinge to the Tenor of *which* order of the fyve and Twentyth of November last, the Maior and Burgesses of the Towne of Nottingham, by their Councell doe this daye declare in open Courte their Consent therevnto. And

Henry Caldecott, Solicitor for the said Duchie Tennants, informeth this Courte that some of the said Duchie Tennants have given their Consent and doe agree to the said order, and that some other of them doe not agree nor consent to the same, but rather choose to submit themselves to a tryall at Lawe, accordinge to the purpose of this Court expressed in the said order of the Five and Twentieth of November last. Wherevpon, and for the settling and quiettinge of the longe, tedious and chargeable suites and Controversies concerninge either parties Claymes therein, and that an amicable agreement maye be had on both parties, without prejudice of their claymes on either parte, It is this daye ordered and decreed by the Right Honorable, the Chauncellor and Councill of this Courte, vpon hearinge Councill learned on both sides, for the reasons in the said Order of the Five and Twentieth of November last expressed, that such and soe many of the said Duchie Tennants, of What honor or possessions soever, as haue consented, submitted, and agreed, or, before a tryall to be had at Lawe touchinge the said demaunded duties, shall consent, submit, and agree to the said order of the Five and Twentieth of November last, and deliver in their names and places Whence they are, which as well they that haue assented, as they that shall or Will assent hereafter, shall from the First daye of March next ensuinge, paye in the Marketts and Faires of the said Towne of Nottingham for their Corne there bought and sould, or put to sale, and for other goods and merchandizes there bought and sould, halfe soe much as any other persons paye for like duties, and noe more; And as touchinge such of the said Duchie Tennants and Resiants<sup>1</sup> and Inhabitants within the same as haue not or shall not agree to the said order as aforesaid, the said Maior and Burgesses vpon their or any of their the said Duchie Tennants, Resiants,<sup>1</sup> or Inhabitants within the same, refusal, to paye the said duties accordinge to the true tenor and meaninge of this decree, are hereby left at liberty to recouer the said Duties by an accion by them brought, and a tryall to be had at the Common Lawe, Wherein this Courte doth not intend to protect the said Tennants. And it is further ordered, decreed and declared by this Courte, that this order and decree of Atonement shall not be any president<sup>2</sup> to any other Townes, places, or Citties, to call in question the Claymes, Rights and priuiledges of the freedome and exemption of the said Duchie Tennants in all or any other Townes, places and Citties;

<sup>1</sup> Resiants = residents.<sup>2</sup> president = precedent.

And for the better setlinge and quiettinge of the payment to be had and made for corne brought to be sould in the said Markett and Faïres of Nottingham, *which* is nowe commonly called 'the Scavengers' fee,' for *which* the said Towne of Nottingham clayme to haue the one Hundred Twenty Eight parte of what is to be sould or put to sale, It is further ordered and decreed, That the said Towne of Nottingham shall make a iust measure accordinge to that rate and proporcion of halfe soe much by them to be taken of the said Duchie Tennants, for their Corne brought to be sould in the same Marketts and Faïres, And shall take their said Tolle of Corne of the said Duchie Tennants, accordinge to that proporcion and measure, and not otherwise. And this order and Decree of accomodacion to be a fynall end of all the said former suites without preiudice as aforesaid.

*Nos autem, tenorem Decreti sive Recordi praedicti ad instantiam Majoris et Burgensium villae de Nottingham Duximus exemplificandum per praesentes. In cujus rei Testimonium has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Palacium nostrum Westmonasterii sub sigillo Ducati nostri Lancastriae praedictae, Decimo Octavo Die Februarii Anno Regni nostri Noni.*<sup>1</sup> Gerard. 4661.

## LII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1633-34.

### *Necessarie Expenses.*

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<i>Item, paid for ij. dossen of sawsers for the Towne</i>	. . .	vs.	
			1643, fo. 4.
<i>Item, paid the Captains and lieftenants' fees for the</i>			
Common soulders	. . . . .	xijs.	
<i>Item, for Cullers for them at the trayninge</i>	. . . . .	xiiijs. vjd.	25
			<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 5.
<i>Item, for Cords and a rod for one that was whipped</i>	. . .	ijd.	
			<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 6.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* We also, at the instance of the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham, have caused the tenor of the Decree or Record aforesaid by (these) presents to be exemplified. In witness whereof, we have caused these our

Letters to be made patent. Given at our Palace of Westminster, under the seal of our Duchy of Lancaster aforesaid, the Eighteenth Day of February, in the Ninth Year of our Reign.

*Presents and Rewards.*

*Item*, for a pottle of wyne giuen the King's servants that brought the gifts of the progresse and had Certificate xijd.

*Item*, for wyne and suger giuen the Lord Archbishopp of Yorke when the Kinge was here . . . . . ix. iiijd.  
*Ib.*, fo. 10.

*Item paid William Newbold and his men for tylinge at Saint Ann Well against the King's cominge* . . . . . xs. xd.

*Item for tyles and lyme vsed att the well* . . . . . vjs.  
*Ib.*, fo. 14.

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LIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1633-4, Tuesday, February 25.

*Concerninge the waytes* :—This Companie are agreed, thatt whereas the waytes and Homfrey Coggs and William Coggs, his sonne, haue had manie differences aboute their places, and havinge referred themselves, and their severall busynes amongst them, to the Judgment and order of this Companie, the companie doe order thatt from henceforth both the Coggs shalbe separated from the other waytes, and nott be reputed as the waits of this towne; and in lewe thereof, Richard Peirson, Salomon Sebastyan, and Richard Storr shall allowe vnto Homfrey Coggs duringe his lyefe iij. li. yearly, to be from henceforth quarterly paid him, and the same waytes shall likewise pay vnto William Coggs xxs. yearly, to be paid quarterly likewise, duringe the pleasure of this Companie, butt vpon Condiçion thatt the saied Coggs and his sonne shall nott play with their Instruments in this towne when the other Waytes are in the towne, vnlesse they be invited to play att Weddings or Churchings; and they are nott to were anie of the townes lyveries, nor be reputed as the waytes, from henceforthe; nor they nott to goe into the Countrie as the townes waytes; and thatt the bond by them taken from the yonger Coggs for payment of v. li. shalbe nowe delivered in to the saied Coggs, together with soe muche Monie as they have receaved in part thereof allreddy; and the saied William Coggs to deliuer in his Scuttcheon presently. The bonds are deliuered and cancelled.

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3408, fos. 56-7.

1634, Monday, June 2.

*About the King's Entertaynement on the 4th of August, 1634.*—

*Maister* Lightfoote, the vsher of the freeschoole, beinge sent for, hath vndertaken to deliuer a speeche to the Kinge and Queene att their cominge to *Nottingham*; and hee to be furnished with apparell accordingly.

*Maister William* Nixe, Alderman, hath promised to lend the towne 200 li., vpon interest, for vj. Monethes, and to have the lower Trent Close in Morttgage for securinge the same.

Everie Alderman in his ward to take twoe howseholders of his Companie to assist him, and to Command thatt the owteside of everie howse be either Roughe cast or bewtified by payntinge, att their owne Chardge; and for removinge of blocks and Clayheapes, and other annoyances.

*Maister*[s] Chamberlaynes are required to see the pavements and markt-wall, and the Crosses, to be vewed, and paynted, and bewtified in decent Manner.

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*Maister* [John] James, *Maister* [William] Nix, *Maister* [Robertt] Greaves, *Maister* [John] Perrie, *Maister* [Richard] Dringg, [and] *Thomas* Widoson, are required to vewe the highewaies and passages of the towne, and to take to them the overseers of everie parishe.

*Ib.*, p. 62. 20

1634, June 20.

Receaved by Robert Parker, Maior thatt was, borrowed of William Nixe, Alderman, 200 li., to be ymployed by him for the intertaynement of the Kinge and Queen's Majesties, whoe came to *Nottingham* the 4th day of August, 1634, and stayed there fyue nights.

Whereof paied as followeth:

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*In*primis, for makinge the conveyance and letter of

Atturrie, for *Maister* Nixe's securitie . . . . . xxxs.

*Item*, to *Maister* Widoson for the plate thatt was presented to the Kinge and Queene . . . . .

lxviiij. li.

*Item*, to William Greisley oute of thatt monie . . . . .

x. li. 30

*Item*, for *Maister* Lightfoot's sute, Cloake, hatt, stockings, garters, shoves,<sup>1</sup> and other Accooterments .

viiij. li. vjs.

*Item*, to *Maister* Tooley's man thatt broughte the Mace from Lyncolne . . . . .

vs.

*Item*, to *Maister* Tooley for guildinge and repayringe the Mace . . . . .

v. li. xijd.

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<sup>1</sup> shoves = shoes.

	<i>Item</i> , to the Clarke of the Markett <i>infra Virgam</i> , <i>pro favore suo</i> , <sup>1</sup> etc. . . . .	xls.
	<i>Item</i> , to his man for his fee, and for the extracts . . .	xs.
	<i>Item</i> , to the King's officers for their severall fees claymed,	
5	the particulers whereof appeare in a Bill of the receipte thereof . . . . .	xxxiiij. li.
	<i>Item</i> , to the Trumpeters in reward . . . . .	xs.
	<i>Item</i> , to the Clarke for his fee for the receipte of the fees, and for his acquittance . . . . .	xs.
10	<i>Item</i> , to the knight Marshall's man for his attendance and paynes . . . . .	vs.
	<i>Item</i> , to the Queene's footemen . . . . .	xls.
	<i>Item</i> , to the kinge and Queen's Coachmen . . . . .	xls.
	<i>Item</i> , to laborers to helpe to gett out the wardropp <sup>2</sup> from vnder the howse thatt fell . . . . .	vijs.
15	<i>Item</i> , to the kinge and Queen's padmen for their fees .	xxs.
	<i>Item</i> , to the knight Marshall's man and the Trumpetter, for proclayminge the Clarke of the Marketts proclaymacion and prizes . . . . .	xiijs. iiijd.
20	<i>Item</i> , for sendinge warrants and letters to the Cheife Constables to free the towne from the purveyors of the woodyard . . . . .	vs.
	<i>Item</i> , to the players in reward . . . . .	xxs.
	<i>Item</i> , to the Porters att the gate for their fee . . . .	xs.
25	<i>Item</i> , for wyne spent in Maister Maior's howse vpon the king's servants att their severall Entertayments there . . . . .	iiij. li. xijd.
	<i>Item</i> , to Maister Alderman Nixe for twoe kegs <sup>3</sup> of Sturgeon presented to my Lord Newcastle . . .	xls.
30	<i>Item</i> , to Maister Maior towards his howse keepinge for Eleaven dayes . . . . .	xx. li.
	<i>Item</i> , for mendinge the waies nere the Castle . . .	xjs.
	<i>Summa</i> , <sup>4</sup> 163 li. 14s. 4d.	
	<i>Summa</i> totall of disbursements . . . 163 li. 14s. 4d. )	200 li.
35	Remaynes . . . . . 36 li. 5s. 8d. )	

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: Under the wand, for his favour, *i.e.*, the favour shown by the clerk. A wand of office is still possessed by the Clerk of the Market.

<sup>2</sup> 'wardropp,' wardrobe, place to keep clothes in. *Wardrope* in Halliwell.

<sup>3</sup> kegs, small casks or barrels.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: Total.

Receaved for horse grasse in Eastcrofte att this tyme  
 att ijd. day and nighte. . . . . xij. li. 14s. 11d.  
 Whereof payed for wattchinge the grownd and horses . . . liijs. vijd.  
 Spent vpon the wattchmen then . . . . . vjs. vd.  
 To Maister Hardmett for his chardges to Lyncolne . . . vijs. iijd. 5  
<sup>1</sup>To Thomas Wolley, for the repayre of the highwaies . . . xlvjs. ijd.  
 To Maister Alvey, for his losses in takinge away his  
 wood . . . . . viijs.  
 To Thomas Abbott, the post-maister, for his chardge  
 and fee. . . . . xxxiijs. iiijd. 10  
 To Homfrey Robertts and John Wrichte towards theire  
 fees and losses, beinge called before the knichte-  
 Marshall, and paid ls. fees . . . . . xxvs.  
 To Maister Drewrie for his chardges Rydinge to New-  
 arke . . . . . iijs.<sup>2</sup> 15  
 3408, fos. 66-7.

1634, Monday, July 7.

<sup>3</sup>Maister [Richard] Dringg, Maister [Edmund] Richards, and 2  
 Constables to provide for tables, formes, and tressells, and to bringe  
 a note in wrytinge where they haue provided them, thatt they may  
 be reddey att an hower's warninge. 20

Maister [Richard] Hardmett [and] Adrian Garner to goe to  
 Lyncolne, and to gett the great Mace amended and guilte, as good  
 Cheape as may bee.

Maister [Samuell] Lightefoote<sup>4</sup> to have vj. li., viz<sup>t</sup>, v. li. from the  
 Scholewardens, and xxs. from Maister Maior, to fynd him clothes and 25  
 other accooterments.

Josephe Winfeild and John Cooper to attend Maister Maior in the  
 accomodacion of the plate.

Maister James, senior,<sup>5</sup> to oversee thatt flaggs be provided for.

Thomas Abbott, post maister for this tyme. 30

<sup>1</sup> Wolley's bill is inserted between the leaves of the Council Book.

<sup>2</sup> The real total of these payments is £9 5s. 9d. In the Council Book it is entered as £9 6s. 3d., and it is added, 'the remaynder beinge 3 li. 10s. 2d., was paid to Maister Maior, to bringe in Accompte.'

<sup>3</sup> On the same day, persons were

appointed to receive and look after horses in Eastcroft on the same occasion.

<sup>4</sup> The usher of the Free School, who was to deliver a speech to the royal couple on their visit to the town.

<sup>5</sup> Besides John James, Alderman, there were on the Council William James and Richard James. When the Christian name has not been given, it has been assumed that Alderman James has been intended.

Overseers for the highwaies to looke to their chardge.

Thomas Wolley, Ropemaker, to provide 10 newe sacks, and to leave them with Maister Maior, to be ymployed for the king's service.

*Ib.*, fos. 64-5.

1634, August 4.

5 *Memorandum*, thatt on the fourth day of August, 1634, beinge Monday, our Soueraigne Lord Kinge Charles and Queene Marie came to Nottingham, and stayed here fyue nights, and were receaved att the Coortt-gate by Maister Maior and his Bretheren, and their Companies, and was presented each of them with a peice of plate,  
10 which cost, both of them ——.¹ 3408, cover.

1634, Wednesday, September 17.

These persons had Maulte taken on them for the furnishinge of his Majestie att his beinge att Nottingham:—

Maister Maior 2 quarters . . .	lijs.	These are paid their monies for their malte, and gave allowance towards the losse in the payment for the same, beinge valewed att xxijs. the quarter.
Maister [Robertt] Sherwyn 2 quarters . . .	lijs.	
15 Maister [Leonard] Nixe j. quarter and j. halfe. . . .	xxxixs.	
Maister [Roger] Derbeshire j. quarter	xxvjs.	
Maister [Thomas] Cooke j. quarter		
20 j. stryke . . . .	xxixs. iijd.	
Wydowe Huthwaite, 2 quarters . . . .	lijs.	These Maister Drewrie hath monie to paye them, and xs vjd. beinge abated, the remaynder hee is to pay: ijs. ix d. in Maister Drewre's hands; and all paid; which is deliuered to Thomas Wolley for ye Cashebox. 3408, fo. 68.
Maister Hood, 2 quarters . . .	lijs.	
William Hemsley, 2 quarters . . .	lijs.	
25 George Jackson, 2 quarters . . .	lijs.	
Thomas Gamble, 2 quarters . . .	lijs.	
Thomas Jackson, 2 quarters . . .	lijs.	

*Scarlett gownes to walke the fayre*:—This companie are agreed thatt all the Aldermen and Cloathing shall wayte on Maister Maior  
30 to walke the fayre, on Saint Mathewes day nexte, in their scarlett gownes; and this order, for the grace of the towne, to haue contynewance for ever. 3408, fo. 69.

1634, Wednesday, November 26.

*Scarlett gownes to be worne on the fayre day and 7<sup>th</sup> of November yearly*:—

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Ytt is ordered by this Companie, thatt everie one of the Cloathing  
shall, in their Scarlett gownes, and everie of the other gownemen  
shall duely and decently attend *Maister* Maior in his walke of the  
fayre on the fayre day. And lykewise thatt the Scarlett gownemen  
of the Cloathing shall come to the Churche on the fifth day of 5  
Nouember ycarely decently in their Scarlett gownes, to geve God  
thancks for the greate deliuerance from the powder-treason, *which*  
day is comaunded by Acte of *parliament* to be celebrated, vpon payne  
to everie one nott wearinge their Scarlett gownes and other gownes,  
those twoe dayes, to forfeyte for suche their neglecte, for everie tyme 10  
xijd., to be levyed by distresse and sale of the offenders' goods, in case  
they refuse or neglecte to pay the saied penaltie of xijd.

And *memorandum* thatt *Maister* Maior hath receaved allreddy, for  
the fynes for nott wearinge their gownes—iij*s.* viij*d.* on the v<sup>th</sup> of  
November last: *Maister* Gregorie iij*d.*, *Thomas* Malen iij*d.*; in all, 15  
iiij*s.* iij*d.* paid into the Cashebox. 3409, fo. 44.

1634-5, Tuesday, January 13.

*Henrie Wood*:—This Companie havinge this day taken in Con-  
sideracion the busines touchinge *Henrie Wood*, the Scavinger, and  
the toll-corne nowe Decreed to be paied to the Corporacion from the  
Duchie tenants, nowe vpon the full hearinge and debatinge of the 20  
busines by the companie, and for a fynall endinge of the questions  
and differences arisinge from the same busines, this Companie are  
agreed, and doe order, thatt from henceforth the saied *Henrie Wood*  
shall aswell take the benefitt of the Toll-corne of the Duchie Tenants,  
as them thatt are Guildable,<sup>1</sup> in thatt proporcion thatt is appoynted 25  
by the saied Decree; and nott to exacte anie Toll, or other Dutie, of  
anie Cominge to this markett with Corne, whereby anie sute may be  
occasioned against the towne, vpon payne to lose his office. And in  
lewe of<sup>2</sup> this benefitt and favour, the saied *Henrie Wood* shall, att  
his owne Chardge, from tyme to tyme, repaire and make good all the 30  
pauements in the wholl towne, thatt are to be paved, or haue been  
amended and repaired by him or his predecessors, without anie  
Chardge or burthen to the Corporacion. And to repaire and amend  
the same within Tenn dayes after notice geven him by *Maister* Maior  
and the Chamberlaynes of this towne of Nottingham for the tyme 35

<sup>1</sup> guildable=liable to pay toll. (AS.  
*gill*, a payment, etc.

<sup>2</sup> In lieu of=in return for.

beinge, or by anie twoe of them. And the saied Henrie Wood to pay onely ijs. weekly to the wydowe of Christofer Gaskoyne, and vjd. weekly to Maister Henrie Alvey, oute of the profitts of the same Tolls duringe the pleasure of this Companie: Nottwithstand-  
 5 inge anie former order made touchinge anie other payments to them or either of them. 3409, fos. 45-6.

*Maister Lecke*:—This Companie are agreed thatt Maister Lecke, the Schoolemaister, shall haue vj. li. xiijs. iiijd. added to his xx. li. *per Annum* from the Schoolewardens, oute of the rents and profitts  
 10 of the Schoole; and this addic'ion to Contynewe vnto him duringe the pleasure of this companie, in hope thatt, by his paynes and good deservinge in his place, hee will indeavor by his care to haue the Contynewance thereof, to the good lykinge of the Companie.

3409, fo. 46.

1634-5, Thursday, March 5.

15 *Mills to be remoued to Saint Johnes Barne*.—The greater partt of this companie are agreed, thatt the Mill att Goosegate-end shalbe nowe presently removed to *Saint Jone's barne*, and thatt the Buildings att Goosegate-mill, wherein the mill standeth, to be lykewise pulled  
 20 downe, and partt of the same tymber to be ymployed for the repaire of Benett's Mill, in the marshe, soe soone as may bee, thatt the same mill may be lykewise ymployed in the townes vse.

*The waites*.—Vpon the hearinge of the differences, the second tyme, amongst the waites and Homfrey Coggs, for the fynall endinge of all the differences and obiections amongste them, they have nowe  
 25 referred themselves, and theire saied busynes, to the fynall hearinge and endinge of this companie, whoe doe nowe order and agree, thatt Salomon Sebastyan, Richard Storr, and Thomas Stanley shall from henceforward pay vnto the saied Homfrey Coggs and William Cogg[s], his sonne, yearly, duringe the naturall lyefe of Homfrey  
 30 Coggs onely, the somme of iiij. li. by quarterly payments, and noe other allowance to him and his sonne, or either of them. And in lewe and recompence thereof, the said Homfrey nor his sonne shall nott weare theire coates of the same colour the other waites doe, nor shall nott play in this towne when the other waites are in towne,  
 35 vnlesse they bee invited to weddings, Churchings, or other meetings. And the saied Homfrey Coggs, nor his sonne, shall nott goe abroad, or into the Countrie, to the preiudice of the saied waites, to play with theire instruments; and when the other waites have a purpose to

travell to London or ellswhere, as vsually they haue done, thatt then Homfrey Coggs, nor his sonne, shall nott travell thatt way, to forstall them, vntill a fortnighte after they be gone, att the least. And that yf any differences shall hereafter growe or arise, on anie partt, touchinge this order, the same differences and questyons to be allwayes heard, ended, and determined by this Companie as their shalbe cawse. And thatt Salomon Sebastyan, Richard Storr, and Richard Pierson shall pay vnto the saied Homfrey Coggs and his sonne, before Easter nexte, xxxs. of the monie due to Coggs vpon the last agreement, and to be dischargd of the remaynder for ever, yf they doe, before Midsommer nexte, bringe certificatt, or make ytt appeare to this companie, thatt Coggs, or his sonne, or bothe, have nott performed the former order on their partts; and the former order to be dissolued; all this beinge Read vnto the waites, they are well content to performe the same, butt Coggs will not stand to this order.<sup>1</sup> 3409, fo. 48.

*Cottages without Barr.*—The Cottages without Chappell Barr to be vewed, and the tenants in beinge to haue notice nott to receave anie other tenants hereafter; and as the tenants dye, then the howses to be stopped vp, and nott to be vsd for anie other habitacions or howses. 3409, fo. 49.

1634-5, Monday, March 23.

*Saint Anne well; att Whittsonmonday.*—This Companie are agreed in regard of the vncertenty of the weather, and the Coldnes of the Season<sup>2</sup> to allter the Meetinge att Saint Anne Well from Monday in Easter weeke, vnto Monday in Whittsonweeke; and the same penaltie to be paied for nott performinge their attendance accordinge to the former order, *tempore Alexandri Staples, Maioris*,<sup>3</sup> butt this alteracion shall not discontynewe the same antient Custome from the tyme nowe appoynted for the same. 3409, fo. 50.

1635, Tuesday, May 26.

*Felling trees.*—This Companie are content thatt 6 trees shalbe sett oute by them thatt are appoynted by the order; and the same

<sup>1</sup> This order was 'dissolved by agreement,' on 30th September following.

<sup>2</sup> In an order of the 16th June following, as to the sale of the 'tithe-hay,' the probable scarcity of the hay, owing to the

'dryness of the spring-time, for want of rain,' is noted.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: 'In the time of Alexander Staples, Mayor.'

to goe for the present<sup>1</sup> repayre of the Trent Bridges, thatt nowe standethe in greate need. 3409, fo. 51.

1635, Thursday, August 6.

*Martin Hill*.—The Companie are content to allowe Martyn Hill, in regard of his poverty, xxs. more then formerly hee made his  
5 Compositiō for with the towne; Soe thatt his daughter nowe remayninge in this towne doe goe away to Norwich the nexte Jorney, or ells soe soone as conveniently may bee. 3409, fo. 55.

1635, Tuesday, September 8.

<sup>2</sup> *William Jorden's servant*.—Memorandum, thatt before this Companie Maister Sherwyn and Maister Hardmett, Aldermen of Saint  
10 Peter's parishe, haue promised to take some coorse for William Jorden's servant, gotten with Chyld within these xiiij. daies, or elles they and theire parishe shall and will stand chardged with her and her Child, for the easinge of the towne and other parishes.

3409, fo. 57.

1635, Friday, September 18, about 4 p.m.<sup>3</sup>

15 Memorandum, thatt this day Maister [William] Fletcher, Recorder, made a Mocion to this Companie present, thatt hee was ould, and nott so able to travaile in the execution of his place as the same requires, and therefore desired the Companie thatt hee mighte be  
20 eased from his place, and make a resignacion thereof, Soe thatt they would make Choice of Maister Chadwicke; And the Companie, after the same Mocion propownded, went to Voices,<sup>4</sup> and the greater partt of them, beinge xxiiij. Voices,<sup>5</sup> haue desired Maister Recorder to contynewe in his saied place of Recordershipp, wherevnto hee hath lovingly assented, and the Companie, in lewe<sup>6</sup> thereof, haue added to  
25 his yearely fee of iiij. li. the somme of Sixe pownds more, to make ytt vpp x. li. *per annum*, duringe the Contynewance of his place of Recordershipp; but this addicōn nott to enure<sup>7</sup> to his Successors, butt the same fee to be increased or abated as the companie shall see cawse. 3409, fo. 58.

<sup>1</sup> present = immediate.

<sup>2</sup> Quoted inaccurately in Bailey, under year 1634, vol. ii., p. 630.

<sup>3</sup> *Circa horam 4 tam (= quartam) post meridiem*, MS. Translation: About the fourth hour after mid-day.

<sup>4</sup> Voices = votes.

<sup>5</sup> Out of 29, exclusive of the Recorder.

<sup>6</sup> in lieu = in recompense, or consideration.

<sup>7</sup> enure = to become customary.

1635, Monday, November 23.

*Gowns.*—Before this Companie, the order for wearinge gowns on Saboathe daies, festivall daies, and on the buryalls of the better sortt and Cloathing, to be contynewed; and the same for burials to be amended and inserted; and thatt noe gowne-man shalbe admitted to Come to anie publike meetinge without his gowne, on the payne 5 and penaltie mencioned in the order nowe amended.

*Strangers and Inmates.*—Ytt is ordered thatt everie Alderman shall, once in xiiij. daies, with the assistance of some of his ward, walke his ward to see whatt strangers or Inmates doe come in, thatt some present Coorse may be taken to avoyd<sup>1</sup> them in tyme, accord- 10 inge to the order. 3410, fo. 30.

1635, Monday, November 30.

<sup>2</sup>*John Cooke.*—This Companie are lykewise agreed to geve John Cooke, a scholler of Cambridge, and borne in the towne, and a hopefull yonge man, xls. towards the takinge of his degree att this tyme, and the same to be paid by the Schoolewardens. 3410, fo. 34. 15

1635, Monday, December 7.

*Maister* [Thomas] Cooke, *Maister* [Richard] Collishawe, *Maister* [James] Beardsley, [and] *Maister* Homfrey Greaves are required to collecte in *Saint* Mar[i]es parishe for the pore, against Christmas, to kepe them from begginge; *Maister* Joseph Winfeild [and] *Maister* Henrie James for *Saint* Peeter's parishe; John Pepper [and] John 20 Hillton for *Saint* Nicholas parishe. 3410, fo. 35.

<sup>3</sup>1635-6, Thursday, February 4.

Before this Companie Robertt Hassard, Ropemaker, was delte with, touchinge the settinge of the pore on Worke att *Saint* Johnes.

1. First, Robertt Hassard is to haue the howses and Chapple att *Saint* Johnes, and the well Close, and both the gardens nere there- 25 vnto adioyninge, from our Lady day nexte, for one wholl yeare, att xxs. rent, and soe for further tyme att the pleasure of this Companie, and as they can further agree.

2. Thatt Robertt Hassard shall nowe presently Receave pore

<sup>1</sup> avoid=remove.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 632.

<sup>3</sup> It is worth noticing that on the cover of the Bridgemaster's account for this year (1636) there is the following memorandum:

'On the x<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1636, one of the Middle Arches of the Trent Bridge fell downe into the Trent, which cost 100 li. to sett ytt vpp againe.'

children, to the number of viij. or more, as shalbe further occasioned, and to haue the benefitt of their workes and labours for the first Moneth, and the towne to allowe him towards their dyett, for everie one, xijd. a Weeke, and their parents to fynde them lodginge; and  
 5 Robertt Hassard to be carefull to teache and instructe them speedily in the spyninge and workinge heare, to be fitt to make hearecloth, and allsoe in cardinge and spyninge of hards<sup>1</sup> to make candle weeke,<sup>2</sup> and hee to geue them correccion, when need ys, and the greate wheeles to be called in, and to be deliuered for the vse of  
 10 these employments, and the payments to be paied oute of the Miil monies. Maister [Gabriel] Groues and Maister [Thomas] Wolley to be overseers for the first moneth, and to fynde them for this moneth both heare and hards,<sup>1</sup> att the towne's Chardge. 3410, fo. 38.

1635-6, Monday, March 7.

*Thomas Whittington for the Bull.*—Thomas Whittington to haue  
 15 the Bullpeice, and to keepe a Bull for the towne both wynter and Sommer; hee is contented to keepe him for seaven yeares, and soe for further tyme as the towne and hee can agree; and noe man to take him oute of the liberties for anie vse, on payne to forfeyte ijs. vjd. to the towne. 3410, fo. 41.

1636, Wednesday, May 25.

20 *Wattche.*—Six howsholders are to wattche dayly, in covrse, in the daytyme, to keepe oute suspected persons thatt may come hether from visited<sup>3</sup> places, viz<sup>1</sup>, Wood att the Bridges, 2 att Backside, and 2 in the towne: accordinge as each beene vsed, and as by the proclamacion is commaunded. 3410, fo. 45.

1636, Tuesday, September 13.

25 *Maister James: Maister Parker.*—Maister [John] James, Alderman, and Maister Robertt Parker, Alderman, are by this Companie fyned att xs. a peice for nott attendinge Maister Maior att the King's Maiestie's beinge here last, the one beinge att Mellton, and the other att his howse, and beinge called on, refused to come, as Maister  
 30 Bateman afirmed. 3410, fo. 57.

1636, Monday, September 19.

Maister [Henrie] Alvey, Maister [William] Hopkyn, and Maister

<sup>1</sup> hards of flax.

<sup>2</sup> candle weeke = candle-wick.

<sup>3</sup> i.e., by the plague.

[Richard] Dringge beinge sent to *Maister* [Samuell] Lightfoote, the Vsher, by this companie, to tell him of his neglecte in his place, in teachinge the Schollers Vnder his tuition, etc., hee hathe voluntarily resigned vpp the same place, and Desires this companie to make choice of annother to Succeed him ; and hee is nowe att Liberty. 5

3410, fo. 57.

1636, Monday afternoon, September 26.

*Maister Woolley and Maister Turpin, newe Sheriffs.*—*Maister* [Thomas] Wolley and *Maister* [Richard] Turpin, the Sheriffs to be att *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> nexte, have moved to haue some allowance in their Sherifvally for their tolls, in regard the bridges are nott yett 10 finished ; and, hauinge referred themselves and the saied busines to this companie, the companie are of opynion nott to geue them anie allowance, butt to referr themselves to God's providence, and nott to bringe an innovacion which in succeedinge tymes allwaies proues dangerous and obnoxious ; yett the Companie are content, when 15 their Sheriffs' yeare is<sup>2</sup> past, to heare their allegacions, and soe to take the same into Consideracion ; butt nott to be concluded in this busines by promis further then they shall thinck fitt.

*Weekeday-cross : for ye pumpe.*—This Companie having heard the Mocions of the Inhabitants aboute the Weekeday-cross, touchinge a 20 pumpe to be made where the leadon well nowe stands, they are of oppynion, thatt one cannott conveniently be made to hould longe, or to be kepte sweete ; therefore, doe nott allowe of their Mocion, butt are content thatt the same shalbe sufficiently repayred by the newe Chamberlaynes, butt nott otherwise to be altered. 3410, fo. 59. 25

LIV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1636, October 8.

Articles of misdemeanor objected by Thomas Savile, of Durton grange in the Countie of Nottingham, gentleman, against Hellen, the wife of Raph Tolk, of the towne and Countie of the towne of Nottingham, Tyler.

*Imprimis*, that the sayd Hellen Toft is a woman of evill Carriage, 30 a slanderer and reviler of diuers honest and well disposed persons, addictinge her selfe to wanderinge and idlenes, Contemninge the monicion of the Magistrates, exhortinge and perswadinge her to be of

<sup>1</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

<sup>2</sup> MS. 'are.'

Civill Carrage and demeanor, and to settle her selfe to labor and employment in her vocation and Callinge.

*Item*, that the sayd Hellen hath, for the space of 2 or 3 monethes now last past, both publickly and privatelic slandered and traduced  
 5 the sayd Thomas Savile, affirminge and reportinge hee is her husband, and that he doth vse vnlawfull and dishonest<sup>1</sup> Companie with diuers other women in the town of Nottingham, to the great wronge and disparagement both of the said Thomas Savile and of the women by her named and defamed, whereas the said Thomas Savile is well  
 10 knowne to be a gentleman of Civill life and Conuersacion, and was, 26 yeares since, married to a gentlewoman of good rancke and qualitie, who is now deceased Seaventeene yeares sithence,<sup>2</sup> and by whome he had, and hath yett livinge, diuers Children, And sithence<sup>2</sup> whose death he hath Contynued, and yet remayneth, a widdower.

15 That the said Hellen Toft hath Come diuers tymes to the house of the said Thomas Savile att Durton grange aforesaid, and there, in the presence and hearinge of his Children and servants, and allso to John Wood, Esquire, att his house att Wodborrow, and to diuers other persons elsewhere, both in the towne and Countie, and Charged  
 20 the said Thomas Savile to be her husband, and Curseth and revileth him with many shamefull and scandalous words and execracions, sometyme sayinge she will make him allowe her mayntenance of xx. li. per annum, and other tymes swearinge terrible, she will haue a legg or an arme of him, meaninge the said Thomas Savile, cyther  
 25 quicke<sup>3</sup> or dead.<sup>4</sup>

79, ro. 25.

1636, October 10.

*Per Occidentem.*<sup>5</sup>

We present Maister Robert Sherwin, Alderman, for suffering a swyne coate to stand on the back syde his howse, to the greatt annoyance of the passengers to Saint Petter's church : *rented* : *ijs*.

30 We present Alice Ryleye, Wyddowe, for annoyinge the Cowe lane with a swinecoate : *vjd*.  
 78, ro. 9.

<sup>1</sup> dishonest = unchaste, immoral.<sup>2</sup> sithence = since, ago.<sup>3</sup> 'quicke,' alive.

<sup>4</sup> This presentment was corroborated on oath before the Mayor, Mr. Nixe, and Alderman Hardmett, by Thomas Spurge, a weaver, of Oxton, and his wife Margaret, and the presentment is thus indorsed : 'Ellen Taffe, called in att the Sessions

holden xix. Octobris, 1636, to answer the obieccions within written, doth acknowledge her faulte in abusinge Maister Savile, and desires hee would forgeve her, and soe all further proceedings to stay vntill shee behave herselfe otherwaies then fairely and orderly towards Maister Savill.'

<sup>5</sup> *Translation* : By the West.

LV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1636, October 13.

3. *Item*, wee present Adrian Garner for building his shop bulck into ye streete : *rented* : *iijs. vijd.*

10. *Item*, wee present the Lane betwixt the Towne and the Well which is out of repaire : *Camerarii*.<sup>1</sup>

16. *Item*, we present the Leene for want of scowering against 5 Eastcrofte and Butcher's Close : *Maister Richards.*

25. *Item*, we present Maister Robert Sherwine, Alderman, for making a swinecote in Pepper street, to the annoyance of people goeing to Church : *fyned.*

30. *Item*, wee present Maister Robert Brigges for inchroching with 10 his porch at the Bridge end : *rented* : *vid.*

38. *Item*, wee present Charles Morland for getting Claye at Lower end of the Pinder's fee, at the end of the longe hedge, to the great danger of paseineres,<sup>2</sup> and wee humbly desier a spedyc Remedy : *xs.*

39. *Item* we present Barneby Watnebye<sup>3</sup> for incroching vpon the 15 towne's ground with a porch : *rented* : *vijjd.*

This verdicte was taken the xxj<sup>th</sup> of October, 1636, before William Nixe, Maior, and Robert Parker, Alderman. 2786.

LVI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1636, Monday, October 31.

*Maister Richards and Maister Drewrie* :—This Companie are agreed thatt *Maister* [William] Richards and *Maister* [William] 20 Drewrie, late Sheriffs, shall pay x. li. to the towne for nott making a Sheriff's dynner the last yeare, as by an order in *Maister Hardmett's* tyme, beinge Maior the last yeare, was agreed vpon,<sup>4</sup> and they beinge called in to knowe their answeres herevnto, haue vtterly refused to stand to the same, or to refer themselves to the Companie, allthoughc 25 earnestly intreated to refer themselves, by *Maister Maior* and the Companie.<sup>5</sup>

3411, fo. 43.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : The Chamberlains.<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, passengers.

<sup>3</sup> He was also presented by John Heyward at the Sessions on the 22nd of the same month for not scouring the ditch in St. Ann's Well close, and was fined 3s. 4d.

<sup>4</sup> An order was made September 30, 1636, that the then Sheriffs should make

their dinner before Michaelmas, or else pay £10.

<sup>5</sup> They 'submitted themselves' on 29th November following, laying down the £10 fine, of which the 'Company' took only £5 in consideration of certain losses alleged by the Sheriffs.

1636, Tuesday, November 29.

*Maister Wiggfall*.—This Companie, att the Request of Sir Thomas Huttchinson, and *Maister* Byron, and with the good lykinge of *Maister* Leeke, the Schoolemaister, have accepted of *Maister* Wiggfall, a maister of Artt, to be the Vsher in the Roomthe and place of  
 5 *Maister* Lightefoote, the late Vsher, whoe hathe verie thanckfully accepted the same; and the saied *Maister* Wiggfall to haue onely x. li. *per annum*, and to have contynewance of the place and payment vpon his good behavior, and att the pleasure of this companie, and *Maister* Wiggfall to be observant to *Maister* Leake, the Schoolemaister,  
 10 as vsually hath beene, and ys nowe thoughte fittinge, and in his absence to be reddy and diligent in the instruccion of *Maister* Leak's side, as hereafter shalbe occasioned; and this Companie are content thatt *Maister* Leake shall have xls. for teachinge the vsher's side this last quarter, and *Maister* Wiggfall to have xxs. geuen him for his  
 15 incouragement, for thatt hee is to receave nothinge before our Lady-day nexte; which somme of iij.li. is to be paied them by the Schoolewardens.

3411, fo. 46.

LVII.—*Extracts from the Bridgemasters' Account.*

1636-7.

*Necesarie Expenses.*

Item, spent of the workman to shooe <sup>1</sup> the hooles in the lane	iiijd.
20 Item, giuen widdow Colton's boy to guide men besides them	iijd.
Item, paid Robert Rooson and ij. more, for ladinge a hoole <sup>2</sup> in ye lanes. . . . .	js. vjd.
Item, paid Henrie Brightman and Fletcher on day's worke in ye lanes. . . . .	js. iiijd.
25 Item, paid Robert Roson for a kitt <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	viijd.
Item, spent with Luke Dolfine and Robert Baker, to gayne advise . . . . .	jxd.
Item, paid to ye beadwomen in Barker Gate . . . . .	viijjs.
30 Item, paid Griffin Lockowe for 300 c. of sixes, halfe a 100 c. of Eights, halfe a 100 c. of tenns, and jd. of latte neales <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	ijs. iiijd.

<sup>1</sup> shooe, to cover over.

<sup>2</sup> 'lading a hole,' draining a hole; 'lade,' to draw out water, to drain, etc.

<sup>3</sup> 'kitt,' a tub.

<sup>4</sup> 'latte neales,' lath nails.

<i>Item</i> , paid Henrie Brightman for lettinge water out of ye lanes . . . . .	vjd.
	1938, fo. 1.
<i>Item</i> , for kiddinge 40 Kidds <sup>1</sup> yt went to ye hooles in ye walle . . . . .	viijd. 5
January 27. <i>Item</i> paid for a table booke to note things downe . . . . .	vjd.
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 2.
Marche 11th. <i>Item</i> , spent of a stranger yt came to bargayne for all ye worke. . . . .	vjd. 10
<i>Item</i> , a greed with William Clarke and paid him to finishe itt . . . . .	iiij. li. xjs.
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 5.
<i>Item</i> , paid William Clarke for j. load of Limbeestone <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	viijs.
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 6. 15
<i>Item</i> , paid Robert Baker for cuttinge and squaringe a crooked peece for the bridge . . . . .	ijs.
<i>Item</i> , paid himsele and 3 men 2 days to sett it vnder the bridge . . . . .	viijs. vjd.
<i>Item</i> , giuen them in ale . . . . .	iiijd. 20
<i>Item</i> , paid ye smith at bridgen for Iron worke . . . . .	ijs. iiijd.
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 7.
<i>Item</i> , paid Henrie Brightman for one Iron hooke for ye boate	iiijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid 6 laborers for fillinge and teeminge . . . . .	iijs.
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 8. 25
<i>Item</i> , giuen ye workemen, when ye began to driue pyles, to drinke, ye 20th of June . . . . .	vjd.
<i>Item</i> , paid William Leake one day at the bridge . . . . .	viijd.
<i>Item</i> , to Mottley, with him, to take vp ye crowne of an arche	viijd.
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 9. 30
<i>Item</i> , giuen William Clarke, at crowninge vp of ye arche, in ale . . . . .	iijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid maister Roos'man, for leadinge of 4 score and 4 load of gravell to the breach in the meadow wall . . . . .	viijd.
<i>Item</i> , paid William Leake, on <sup>3</sup> daye, to fill vp the top of ye arche . . . . .	viijd. 35
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 10.

<sup>1</sup> 'kidd,' a bundle of heath and furze,<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, Linby stone.<sup>3</sup> on = one,

Item, agreed with Richard Merrinc, to make vp ye gappe  
 in the wall, for 4s. 4d. a rood; giuen him ouer, in  
 earnest . . . . . iiijd.  
*Ib.*, fo. 11.

LVIII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1636-7, Wednesday, January 25.

5 *Maister[s] Sheriffs: Thomas Jackson:—*Maisters Sheriffs and  
 Thomas Jackson havinge some differences betweene them touchinge  
 payment of Toll for Maulte thatt *Maister* Jackson sends to Derby  
 weekely, to be sould and deliuered there, and havinge referred them-  
 selves and theire saied cawse to the hearinge and endinge of the  
 10 Companie, Whoe are nowe of opynion thatt yf anie Burgesse have  
 occasion to send anie Comodyties to anie other Markett to be sould  
 there, or yf anie Burgesse haue occasion to buy anie Marchandize att  
 a faire or Markett, or other place, and the contracte made before the  
 deliuerie, thatt then, in everie such case, thatt Burgess nott to pay  
 15 anie Toll or Custome for the same Marchandise to the Sheriffs or  
 theire officers: Butt yf anie forreyner buy anie Marchandize in this  
 towne, and the deliuerie be made here, or yf anie freeman or  
 Burgesse contracte for or buy anie Marchandize in anie place to be  
 deliuered here, then in those cases, the saied Marchandises and  
 20 Comodyties to be guildable<sup>1</sup> onely; and this Companie are of  
 opynion allsoe, thatt althoughe Straungers' horses bringe a freeman's  
 goods or Marchandizes contracted for before to this towne, thatt then  
 in suche cases, the horses are to goe free, because ytt is conceived  
 thatt ytt is the goods and Marchandize onely thatt oughte to pay  
 25 toll, and nott the horses, allthoughe caryed by a forreyner's horses,  
 and yf *Maister* Jackson doe affirme vpon his Creditt thatt the goods  
 or Maulte thatt *Maisters* Sheriffs have allreddy taken toll for, was  
 nott sould before ytt came to Derby, thatt then *Maisters* Sheriffs  
 shall make him restytucion of the monie soe taken. And *Maister*  
 30 Jackson havinge nowe affirmed vpon his creditt before this companie,  
 thatt the same Maulte was nott sould or deliuered vntill ytt was  
 carryed att his chardge to Derby, the Sheriffs are ordered to make  
 restitution.

*Nota.*<sup>2</sup>—The horses that carry a Burgesse's goods are nott to pay

<sup>1</sup> Liable to toll.

<sup>2</sup> *Nota*, note.

anie toll for those goods ; Butt yf goods be nott boughte before the deliuerie in this towne, then they are to pay ; but yf to be deliuered ellswere, then nott to pay. 3411, p. 48.

LIX.—*Presentments of the Mickleton Jury.*

1637, April 27.

1. *Imprimis*, wee present Bassitt low wepentack beein in decay for want of paueing. 5
2. Wee present Newarke wepentake for the like.
6. Wee present the long wall this side the Trent Bridge to bee in great decay for want of repaire : *mendinge*.
7. Wee present Maister Alderman James for the wharfige beeing in great decay : *to see the order*. 10
11. Wee present the Causey for want of steps, and wee present the middle Bridg in the Causey for want of repaire : *Camerarii*.<sup>1</sup>
12. Wee present the new Bridg for want of repaire, and all the washin staires for the like : *Camerarii* ;<sup>1</sup> *amended*.
- Wee desire Maister Maior that the Issue<sup>2</sup> in the vpper end of 15 Fisher gaitte may haue the right passage.
15. Wee present George Wheatley for a dunghill anoiing the Holmes : *xijd*.
22. Wee present Maister Alderman James for the like : *xijd*.
26. Wee present Maister Alderman Sherwin for a Swine coat in 20 Pepper street : *fyned*.
- 41-2. Wee present Maister Drucry for a porch against the week-day shambles : *fyned*.
44. Wee present John Howit for fishin with a showe nett : *ijs*.
48. Wee present Richard Borows for a dongehill one his back 25 sid :<sup>3</sup> *xijd*. 2786.

LX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1637, Tuesday, May 23.

*Maister David Woodroffe, the vsher*.—This Companie, att the mocion of Maister Leake, are content to admitt Maister David Woodroffe in the Vsher's place for the freeschoole, and to allowe him x.li. *per Annum* as Maister Wigfall had, his predicessor ; and this 30

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : The Chamberlains.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, at the rear of his premises.

<sup>2</sup> Issue,] 'Iissue,' MS.

place and this payment to be and Contynewe vnto him vpon his good deservinge, and att the pleasure of this companie, and his entrance to be from *our* Lady Day last.

3411, fo. 53.

1637, Monday, June 5.

*Pore officer; order.*—Ytt is ordered and agreed, thatt yf anie  
5 officer thatt shalbe ellected into anie office by the consent of this  
companie, and afterwards doe fall into want or decay, thatt then the  
parishe oute of *which* hee was first Chosen, shall maynetayne him, in  
such his wants, withoute chardge or allowance from anie of the other  
parishes in the towne, in case hee be putt oute of his office, and bee  
10 then in wantt.

*William James the Beadle.*—William James, taylor, is by this  
Companie ellected and appoynted into the office of the Bedle for the  
wholl towne, Duringe the pleasure of this Companie, in the Roomes  
of William Hollyman and William Hall, and is to haue v. li. iiij s.  
15 wages yearely, to be paid him by the Chamberlaynes, and the  
howse att *Saint* Johnes, where Robertt Blatherwicke is nowe kepte,  
and the parlour where Martyn Hall and his wyfe nowe are, and the  
Close there called the well close, allowinge Robertt Hassard, the  
other officer there, egresse and regresse to and for the vse of the same  
20 well, and to be aidinge and assistinge those thatt are there com-  
mitted by anie of the Justices, and to haue a Coate yearely from the  
Chamberlaynes; and this office and allowances to be vnto him, att  
this Companie's good lykinge, and vpon his good behavior; and  
William Hollyman, in regard of his poverty, to have xijd. weekly  
25 paid him by the Chamberlaines for the tyme beinge, and hee and  
William Hall, att Midsomer day nexte, to leave their offices of  
Beadles.

3411, fo. 54.

1637, June 7.

<sup>1</sup>Most of the members absent. Nothinge could be done att this  
Meetinge, because the companie was absent as appeares.

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3411, fo. 55.

1637, Tuesday, June 20.

*Midsummer watch.*—The wattche att Midsummer to be spared att  
this tyme for this year, in regard of the danger of the tymes, the

<sup>1</sup> In the handwriting of Mr. Robert Greaves, the Mayor's Clerk.

Countrie townes beinge visited with sicknes;<sup>1</sup> butt this nott to be a president<sup>2</sup> for discountynance in future tymes.

*Tith-hay.*—This Companie are agreed to lett the tith-hay for 7 yeares att xvij. li. *per Annum*; and to begynne this yeare; and to be lymitted att 49 loads; and the Schoolewardens to pay the pore people, and the takers to have the monie allreddy receaved from the Schoolewardens; and the takers to pay the monie before *Michaelis*<sup>3</sup> yearely. 3411, fo. 57.

1637, Tuesday, July 4.

*Memorandum*, thatt the Sessors are appoynted to make a *Sessment* for defrayinge the weekely chardge of Maddmen, and buildinge of the Cabbyns, and payment to wattchmen, and other payments to them thatt are shutt vpp. 3411, fo. 58.

LXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1637, July 17.

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>4</sup>

*Imprimis*, wee present Maister Thomas Atkin for erecting a new Tenement: *fyned*. 15

*Item*, wee present Roger Kerck for makinge a fiare in the towne street, dangerously: *xijd*.

*Item*, wee present John Gee, his wyfe, for scouldinge: *ducked*.

78, ro. 95.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>5</sup>

20

We present George Bucher for fishinge in the Leene dyvers tymes, with a nett, Called a shoue nett, to ye vallewe of 2od.: *fyned*.

*Ib.*, ro. 98.

LXII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1637, Monday, August 7.

*Memorandum*, Maister Maior, Maister [John] James, Maister [William] Drewrie, the Chamberlaynes, and the Woodward are required to goe againe to the Copies<sup>6</sup> to cutt downe and sett oute

<sup>1</sup> Sickness was very prevalent at this time, not only in the town, but in the parishes of West Bridgford, Cotgrave, Bingham, and East Bridgford, for the relief of which parishes a collection was made on the 12th September following.

<sup>2</sup> president = precedent.

<sup>3</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: By the west.

<sup>6</sup> Copies = Coppice.

certen ould decayed trees to make pyles for the bridges thatt nowe stande in greate need of reparaire.<sup>1</sup>

3411, fo. 59.

1637, Tuesday, September 26.

*Lyncolne men.*—Maister Morecrofte, Maister Kent, and Maister Marshall, three Aldermen of Lyncoln, was (*sic*) att this meetinge, and before this companie, and broughte an answer to thatt which was proposed by Serieant Bonn,<sup>2</sup> Maister Greaves, and Maister Widoson, and the effecte thereof was, thatt the Cittie of Lyncolne are nott content to geue way thatt our tradesmen should frequent theire Markett, and thatt they woulde stand vpon the strength of theire order, lately by them made, to restrayne the cominge of anie tradesmen to theire markett.

3411, fo. 65.

LXIII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1637, October 20.

Wee present one of the Store houses at the Trent bridge to be in decay, for want of buildinge vp : *Bridgmaisters.*

Wee present Maister John James, Alderman, for not keepinge the Neather Worfe in reparaire, to the great lose of the ground : *vs.*

Wee request that the Middle-tourne hoole, next Bober's milne, may haue a new stone set in it, or the ould stone taken vp, and the hoole fild, and the stone set aloft, for euery shower of raine fills vp the hoole : *reformed.*

Wee present Maister Thomas Malin for anoyinge the Streete against Saint Mary's Church stile, with his mydinge :<sup>3</sup> *reformed.*

Wee present Maister Richard Hardmett, alderman, makeinge a dike in Westcroft, to the danger of cattle in a flud : *reformed.*

Wee present Hugh Gelson for anoyinge the Leene with caryon : *vs.*

Wee present Maister Robert Sherwin, Maior, for makeinge a swine cote in Peper streete : *dead.*

Wee present Nicholas Sherwin for takeinge vp the fattes<sup>4</sup> in his yard, and sellinge of them, beinge the towne gronde : *ijs. iiijd.*

Wee present John Heawood for soferinge his swine to be in the feelde in barley-harvest time : *ijs. vijd.*

Wee request the backside the Cowlane barr may [be] repared, for yt is in greate danger of passingers' horses.

<sup>1</sup> One of the middle arches having fallen. See previous note.

<sup>2</sup> Sworn burgess, August 14, 1637.

<sup>3</sup> dunghill.

<sup>4</sup> fattes = vats.

Wee request that George Rose may bee satisfied<sup>1</sup> for<sup>2</sup> settinge the stone in the Middell-torne holle next Bober's milne: 24 Oct., 1637: *Maister Maior gaue him vjd. oute of the Cashe boxe.* 2787.

LXIV.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1637-8, January 15.

Good *Maister Maior*, I beseech your Worship, for God's cause, to remember the poore prisoner Richard Ivans, your petitioner, who is 5 both starved for want of Clothes and foodde, and owes monie to the poore man that tends of me, to bedge<sup>3</sup> the towne, for your Worship did appoynt that *Maister Wooley* and his brother Terpin should giue me six pence a weecke towards my releefe, but the<sup>4</sup> haue giuen me nothings this monnth, soe that I am pynd and starved for want of 10 things nesessesarie (*sic*); Wherefore I beseech your good Worship to right me at this time, and I shall be bound to pray for you soe long as I live.

I intreat your Worship that I may com vp into the Hall to speake for my selfe. 79, ro. 46. 15

LXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1637-8, Friday, January 18.

<sup>5</sup>*Maister Burrowes*.—This companie are agred thatt *Maister William Burrowes*, the Salltepeeter man, shall be made Burgeies (*sic*) withoute payinge anie thinge to the towne savinge vjs. viijd., and the other Small Fees vsually paied; and in regard of this favour, hee doth promis to this Companie to free the Towne and Townesmen 20 from all chardges and expences touchinge the Salte-peeter works here, either to himselfe or to anie thatt shall Succeed him therein, for the tearme of fower yeares nowe nexte ensewinge, in leadinge liquors or anie other Materialls whattsoeuer, touchinge the same workes or busines, and the towne to gcue him 40s. att *Michaelis*<sup>6</sup> 25 nexte in Curtesie, towards the saied Chardges, and their freedoms herein. And this beinge Read of *Maister Burrowes*, hee is well content, and hath herevnto subscribed his name, and was sworne Burgeis accordingly. Before the Companie.<sup>7</sup> 3412, pp. 42-3.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, recompensed.

<sup>2</sup> 'for' repeated in MS.

<sup>3</sup> bedge = beg?

<sup>4</sup> the = they.

<sup>5</sup> Condensed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 635.

<sup>6</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

<sup>7</sup> The signature of Burrowes, 'Willm Burrowes,' is appended to this minute.

1637-8, Tuesday, February 20.

*Maister Leeke*.—This Companie havinge taken into Consideracion the demaunds of *Maister Leeke*, the Schoolemaister, touchinge the xxxj. li. iijs. iiijd., arreres due from *Maister Hopkyn*, late Schoolewarden, for *Maister Leeke*'s annuall allowance for teachinge Schoole, and havinge referred himselfe and the same busines to the order of this Companie, ytt is ordered thatt *Maister Leeke* shall onely receive xxx. li., and abate the odd monie, and the same xxx. li. to be paied him by iiij. li. vjs. viijd. yearly att *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> by the Schoolewardens then in beinge; and yf *Maister Leeke* shall dye, or leave the Schoole, before the saied xxx. li. be fully paied, yett the same annuall payment to be contynewed to him, his executors and Administrators, Nottwithstandinge such deathe or removeall of the saied *Maister Leeke*; and to this agreament *Maister Leeke* hathe assented by wittnessing the same Vnder his hand.<sup>2</sup> 3412, p. 47.

LXVI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1638, April 9.

15

*Ex parte Occidentali*.<sup>3</sup>

*Imprimis*, wee present Kathern Cooke, of the parish of Saint Peeter's, about the age of fifty, for nott cominge to her one<sup>4</sup> parish Church by the space of three months last past.

*Item*, wee present Kathern Cooke, about the age of 18, and Mary Cooke, about the age of 16, Daughters of Michell Cooke, of the Saint Peter's parish, for the like: *xij*s. a piece. 79, ro. 49.

*Per Constabularios*.<sup>5</sup>

*Imprimis*, Wee present William Lealand (*iijs. iiijd.*), for keepinge of a masty<sup>6</sup> bytch vnmusled.

25 *Item*, Wee present Widdowe Rose for keepinge of an unlawfull Dogg vnmusled, which hath done much hurt, and warninge hath been giuen diuers tymes: *xs*.

*Item*, Wee present *Maister Terpin* for makinge a dunghill in the Fryer lane: *iijs. iiijd.*

<sup>1</sup> See *ante*.

<sup>2</sup> The signature 'Tho. Leeke' is appended to this minute.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: From the Western side.

<sup>4</sup> *i.e.*, own.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.

<sup>6</sup> *i.e.*, mastiff.

*Item*, Wee present Robert Petty for the same : *iij*s. *iiij*d.

*Item*, Wee present Henry Hill for taking in of an inmate, John Littlefaye his wyfe : *xs*. 79, ro. 54.

LXVII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1638, April 12.

1. Wee present the Trent lane for beinge in decay for want of grauell. 5
  5. We present the wall at the hither End of the Trent Bridge for not being made vp.
  7. We present the vppare Trent Close, Called 'the Aldermen's Close,' for being in decay for want of Water Worke : *Bridgmaisters*.
  9. We present the new bridges for beinge in decay, and the Leecin 10 bancks about the bridg for beinge in decay : *amended*.
  10. We present Maister Humphray Greaus for Cuttinge vp the soyll vpon the tope of Sand hill : *vs*.
  15. We present the top of the Hollowstone for want of Realls.
  16. We present the top of the Malinge hill for the like. 15
  26. We present John James, the taylor, for anoyinge the Rowell<sup>1</sup> at Grayfrayre gate with manure : *xij*d.
  27. We present the towne for the wall of the Rowell beinge in decay in the same place.
  31. We present the well against Maister William Parker's, at the 20 Chapwell Bare, for beinge oute of Repayre : *repayred*.
- We present Richard Mitchell for gettinge stone out of the towne wall : *fyned*. 2787.

LXVIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1638, Monday, May 7.

*Woods to be sett oute for the bridges.*—This Companie are agreed thatt in regard the Bridges are and doe stand in greate need of 25 repaire, and especially in the pylinge the Cheife Arches thatt nowe lye bare, and yf omitted this Summer may be in danger of fallinge, Maister James, Maister Nixe, Maister Derbishire, Maister Drewrie, the Chamberlaynes, and the Woodward are now presently to sett oute in our owne woods soe much as shalbe needfull for the present 30

<sup>1</sup> sewer.

use of the Bridges, and such as may be best spared, as in their discretions shalbe thoughte fitt.

*Common workes.*—Ytt is agreed thatt for the better performance of the Common worke, the Constables in everie ward are to demaund  
5 of everie howseholder that fyndethe a wholl wattchman, vjd. yearly, and everie one thatt fyndeth halfe a man,<sup>1</sup> to pay onely ijd. yearly, and everie one thatt hath a droughte, to pay onely vjs. for the wholl yeare; and yf anie man refuse to performe this order, then to fynde a man everie day; and to serve with his draughte for soe manie  
10 tymes and dayes as by lawe and by order they are lymitted, or ells to be presented and fyned. 3412, p. 50.

LXIX.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1638, May 19.

<sup>2</sup> *Villa Nottinghamiae, scilicet*:<sup>3</sup> The Examinacion of Luke Bosworth, of Lenton, in the Countie of Nottingham, Laborer, taken before Robert Sherwin, Maior of the towne of Nottingham, and one  
15 of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace, etc., the sixth day of May, in [the] xiiijth yeare<sup>4</sup> of his Majestie's raigne that now is of England, etc., as followeth:—

The saied Luke Bosworth beinge accused for a wizzard, for tellinge where the Cloth was, that was taken from the Becke side, beinge putt  
20 to John Garland and Richard Carson, of the towne of Nottingham, to bee bleched there, and being examined concerning the same, saith that the saied John Garland and Richard Carson had speech with him, this examine, on Saturday last, and prayed him to goe with them to the Becke side, and the next morninge, being Sunday,  
25 hee, this examine, went with them accordingle, and this examine saith, that they then prayed him to helpe them to the saied Cloth, or to tell them where itt was, and they would pay him well for his paines; But hee saith, that hee then tould them that hee could doe nothings in itt, yett hee confesseth that they then gaue him two  
30 shillings for his paines thither, and further is not examined.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 'fyndeth halfe a man,' *i.e.*, pays half towards the 'finding' of one man.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey under date 1637, vol. ii., p. 633.

<sup>3</sup> *Trans.*: Town of Nottingham, to wit.

<sup>4</sup> As James I. died on March 25th, 1625, the 'xiiijth' year would be 1638,

but as the presentments which immediately preceede and follow this are all dated in the xiiijth year, this may belong to the same date, *i.e.*, 1637, 'xiiijth' possibly being a slip of the pen for xijth.

<sup>5</sup> Bosworth's mark is appended to this statement.

*Luke Bosworth, de Lenton, in comitatu Nottinghamiae, Laborer, in x. li., Edmundus Whitinge de Lentoun praedicta, in comitatu praedicto, Carpenter, et Willelmus Ferne, de villa Nottinghamiae, Laborer, in v. li. uterque :<sup>1</sup>*

That the saied Luke [Bosworth] shall appeare att the next 5  
generall Sessions of the peace to be holden for the county of the  
towne, etc.<sup>2</sup> 79, ro. 82.

LXX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1638, Monday, May 28.

*Burgess partts.*—Everie Burgess thatt haue (*sic*) Burgesse partts  
haue libertie to pass the same away for Supply of his or her necessi-  
ties, yf need require, Nottwithstandinge some Voices and oppynions 10  
were to the Contrarie, as appeareth the aboue, vpon their seuerall heads,  
in this page.<sup>3</sup> 3412, fo. 53.

1638, Thursday, June 21.

<sup>4</sup>Midsommer evens Wattche to be contynewed with garlands, as  
heretofore, and the notts<sup>5</sup> are onely againste ytt. 3412, fo. 55.

LXXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1638, July 16.

*Per orientem.*<sup>6</sup>

15

We present William Alline, of the parish of Saint Maryes, for  
not comminge to his parish Church the last thre moneths past,  
beinge about the Age of thre skore : *xij*s.

We present Catherine Cooke, the wyfe of Michael Cooke, of the  
Parish of Saint Peter's, for not Comminge to her parish Church the 20  
last thre moneths past, beinge about the Age of fiftie years : *xij*s.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* Luke Bosworth, of Lenton, in the county of Nottingham, Laborer, in x. li., Edmund Whitinge, of Lenton aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, Carpenter, and William Ferne, of the town of Nottingham, Laborer, in v. li. each.

<sup>2</sup> In Bailey, it is stated that 'the charge was attempted to be supported by a tissue of evidence, given by two or three silly people, of the most puerile kind possible; after which the accused was dismissed with

a suitable admonition from the bench. There appears to be no authority for these statements.

<sup>3</sup> The assenting 'voices' were 12, the dissentient 8, including the Mayor, Robert Sherwin.

<sup>4</sup> Noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 640.

<sup>5</sup> The 'notts' are against seven out of fifteen names of those present at this meeting.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation:* By the east.

We present Catherine Cook, the daughter of Michael Cooke, of the parish of Saint Peter's, for not Cominge to her parish Church the last thre moneths past, beinge aboue the age of sixteine years : *xij*s.

We present William Alline for keepinge a Scoulle,<sup>1</sup> beinge a  
5 Recusant : *vs*. 79, ro. 66.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>2</sup>

3. Wee present Thomas Atkin for putting 2 geldings or mares into the meadowes this present July, 1638.

4. Wee present Truston<sup>3</sup> Bacon for putting three coves into the  
10 meadowes this present July, 1638 : *xs*.

5. Wee present Gabriell Hodgins for putting 2 scabd horses or mares into the meadowes : *xxs*. 79, ro. 68.

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>4</sup>

*Item*, wee present William Lenton his wyfe (*ijs*.), for scoulding in  
15 the church yard uppon the Sabbath daye.

*Item*, wee present Hugh Colson (*vs*.) for Annoyeinge the highe-ways with horse bones.

*Item*, wee present Henry Wright his wyfe (*ducked*), which liueth in the Hollow stone, and Humphrey Froggett his wyfe, for scouldinge.

20 *Item*, wee present William Hall his wyfe (*ducked*), for scouldinge bellman.

*Item*, Widdow Tutin and Muddin Sharpe (*dead*), in the beadhouse for the lyke. 79, ro. 70.

5 *Item*, wee present Henry Wright, his wyfe, which liueth in the  
25 Hollow stone, and Homphrey Froggett, his wyfe, for scouldinge : *ducked*.

*Item*, wee present William Hall his wyfe for scouldinge bellman : *ducked*.

*Item*, wee present Georg Heire, his wyfe, for scouldinge : *ducked*.

30 *Item*, wee present widdow Anderson for the like : *ducked*.

*Item*, Alize Pett for the lyke : *ducked*.<sup>6</sup>

*Item*, widdow Tutin and Muddin Sharpe (*dead*) in the beadhouse for the like. 80, ro. 76.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, a school.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation* : By the west.

<sup>3</sup> Probably for 'Tristram.'

<sup>4</sup> *Translation* : By the Constables.

<sup>5</sup> These presentments were also made by the Constables, and bear the same date and have some of same names as the preceding.

<sup>6</sup> Bailey (ii., 639) quotes a supposed entry in the Hall Book of this date, of 'Six women presented by the constables as scolds ; ordered to be ducked.' There is no such entry, but the six women meant are no doubt those named above.

LXXII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1638, Thursday, August 30.

<sup>1</sup> *Hollings paid for maulte xxij. li. xiijs. viijd.* — Memorandum, Thomas Hollings, the Maultster, hauinge deliuered to the purveyor for the King's Butterie, Eleaven quarters of Maulte, hathe here receaved for the same Maultt xxij. li. xiijs. viijd., after the Rate of xljs. iiijd. by the newe measure, wherewith hee is satisfied. 5

3412, fo. 60.

LXXIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1638, October 8.

*Per orientem.*<sup>2</sup>

1. We present William Alline for not cominge to the Church the last thre moneths past, beinge about the Age of threscore years : *xij*s.

5. We present William Alline, of the parish of Saint Maries, for 10 keepinge a skoulle,<sup>3</sup> being a recusant : *vs*.

6. We present Henery Armesone, for kepinge of a dumbe boy that Cometh out of the Cuntrie : *xs*.

7. We present Griffine Lockey for Ingrossinge<sup>4</sup> fresh hearrings into his hand, and sellinge of the[m] againe : *ij*s. *vjd*. 15

9. We Request that you will be pleased to speak to Richard Wood that Oure parish of Saint Maryes might be dischargd of Mistris Lasenbey and her Children. 80, ro. 2.

*Per occidentem.*<sup>5</sup>

*Item*, wee present Henry Hill for lately erectting too tenements<sup>20</sup> in a howse taken of the towne in the parish of Saint Peter's : *iiij. li. vjs. 8d*.

*Item*, we present Maister Atkin for erectting diverse tenements in Castell gate, in ye parish of Saint Nicholas : *iiij. li. vis. viijd*.

80, ro. 6. 25

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>6</sup>

*Item*, wee present Richard Wood (*x. li.*) at the Trent bridges, for takinge in of farriners,<sup>7</sup> Maister Lazenby and his family.

<sup>1</sup> Quoted by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 640; Bailey adds some strictures on His Majesty's practices in this matter, and remarks that the entry shows that the malt was considerably dearer then than now.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: By the east.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, school.

<sup>4</sup> *i.e.*, purchasing in large quantities to sell again at a high price.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: By the west.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.

<sup>7</sup> 'farriner,' non-burgess.

*Item*, we present Edward Wyare (*ijs.*), for settinge his carts in the heigh waye, and claye lyeinge vnconveniently at his doore.

*Item*, wee present Thomas Ashby (*xrs.*), a millner, for takinge a bastard child, a farryner.<sup>1</sup>

5 *Item*, wee present William Richards (*iij.s. iiij.d.*), shoemaker, for Windoweing in the street.<sup>2</sup> 80, ro. 8.

LXXIV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1638, October 11.

1. *Imprimis*, wee present the towne for the neclect of showing<sup>3</sup> the Cheney Poole Close issue, wheare the mill horses goes.

6. *Item*, wee present John Purdey for diging of sodds vppon the  
10 common, as hee saith for the vse of Sir Thomas Hutchinson.

7. Wee present the towne for diging of a clay pit neare vnto the Cowe poole, in the roade way, to the danger of passingers; wee request ye speedie mending of it.

8. *Item*, We present Maister Major<sup>4</sup> for the building of a porch  
15 to farr out into the streete: *xijd.*; *rented.* 2788.

LXXV.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1638, Thursday, October 25.

*Castle-coortt petition.*—This companie are agreed thatt a petition shalbe drawne to the King's Majestie touchinge the inconveniences the towne suffers by the castle-coortt, and the same to be preferred this tearme, and a reference to be had (yf ytt may be), to the Judges  
20 of the circute, and Maister[s] Recorder and Aldermen to be acquaynted wth this busines nexte meetinge, to have their consents therevnto. 3413, fo. 55.

LXXVI.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1638, December 14.

Nottingham, this 14th day of December, 1638.

Maister Greaves, there is a bad trick<sup>5</sup> played our Committee by  
25 one William Hives, an aprentis vnto Richard Plant, taylor; he is a

<sup>1</sup> 'farryner,' non-burgess.

<sup>2</sup> street,] 'steet,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, covering over.

<sup>4</sup> *i.e.*, Mayor.

<sup>5</sup> The 'bad trick' is not specified, but it seems to have been a petty theft of some kind, judging from the concluding words of the letter.

very symple boye, littell better then a naturall foole, God help him, a fatherles child, and the first falt, as wee hope, that ever he committed, and it maye please God it maye be the last, and we are very loath to haue him openly pynished or araingned for it, yf iustice maye be satysfied other waies; therefore wee doe crave your favour to helpe vs out in the best maner you can, that all may be well, and his frends nott disgraced in any maner by it or him, and wee wilbe all thanckfull to you for it. I did help to place him with his *Maister*; which makes me to writt to you in his behalf, and the Rather because I did never know any of his name or blood Deteckted for 10 6d. in mylyfe, before this tyme; thus hopeinge you will find a salve to core<sup>1</sup> this wound in a Reasonable maner, I seace<sup>2</sup> and Rest,

Your loveinge frend, Richard Hardmett, Alderman.

80, ro. 35.

LXXVII.—*Extracts from the Bridgemasters' Account.*

Repares for the Trent Bridges, 1638, as followeth:—

15

	li.	s.	d.
<i>Imprimis</i> , paid for paper . . . . .	0	0	5
Paid Tollett and Atkinson for fetchinge the boate beneath Collicke . . . . .	0	1	8
Paid <i>Maister</i> Drurye for leadinge of xx. loade of ramell <sup>3</sup> from Sir Thomas Huchinson's into the lanes . . . . .	0	5	0 20
Paid Atkinson for breakinge the ice about the boate, and lettinge the water out of the lanes twice, with spreadinge ramell <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	0	1	0
Paid Averell and his man for tow day <sup>4</sup> worke daubinge the storehouse, with tow stone of haye . . . . .	0	2	10 25
Paid Thomas Mabatt for tow loade of daubinge clay. . . . .	0	3	0
Paid Thomas Mabatt for tow loade of settinge claye. . . . .	0	4	0
Paid Thomas Mabatt for remoueing tow load of wood from <sup>5</sup> Tile House Greene to the briges . . . . .	0	2	0
	1939, fo. 1. 30		
Spent at Seinttan well at settinge forth the wood . . . . .	0	2	6
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 2.		
Paid for lent of a pan and Brand Iron . . . . .	0	2	0
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 4.		

<sup>1</sup> core = cure.

<sup>2</sup> seace = cease, conclude.

<sup>3</sup> rubbish.

<sup>4</sup> *i.e.*, two days.

<sup>5</sup> from,] 'form,' MS.

LXXVIII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1638-9, Friday, March 1.

*Towne's detts* :—This meetinge was to knowe whatt this companie will geue to sett the towne oute of dett, and these present are content to geue, as is sett vpon their heads, to be paied in twoe yeares by equall porcions, the first payment to be att our Lady-day next :—

- 5 Maister Maior 31s. *per annum* for 2 annos; 4 li. in 2 yeares; Maister Gregorie 21s. *ut supra*; *idem*.<sup>1</sup> Maister Hardmett 32s.; *idem*.<sup>2</sup> Maister Toplady 31s.; *idem*.<sup>2</sup> Maister Greaves 31s.; *idem*.<sup>2</sup> Maister Parker 3li., Maister Recklesse 21s. 8d.: 40s. Maister James, 6s. 8d. *per annum*; Maister Perrie 20s.; Maister Derbishire lijs. iiijd.;  
10 Maister Richards 40s.; Maister Groues 20s.; Maister Cooke 40s.; Ezechie Reason 26s. 8d.; John Parsons 26s. 8d.; Anthonie Wrighte 10s.; William Sumner 26s. 8d.; Maister Wynfeild 40s.

3413, fos. 59-60.

LXXIX.—*Extracts from the Mickleton Jury Presentments.*

1639, May 12.

Presentments made by the Midleturme, the 12th of May, 1639 :—

- 15 1. We present the Brigmaisters for the Wall at the farther End of the Leine Bridg being in decay : *amended*.

3. We Request that their may be a Reall<sup>3</sup> set a longe by the foot Bridg at the further End of the Leine bridge : *amended*.

5. We Request that the banck may be repayrd at the farther side  
20 of the meadow gate to wards the Rye hils : *amended*.

6. We present Maister Sherife Jacksone for letting his Burges part by the Leine side to a farrinare,<sup>4</sup>—Josephe Cawdrill : *He is dischargd per le Sessions holden the xvi<sup>o</sup> July, 1639, for thatt hee lett ytt to William Greene*.

- 25 10. We present the Chamberlins for the want of a Reall<sup>3</sup> at the Boston Bridge : *amended*.

11. We present Stephen Robards (*ijs.*) for building a pentice<sup>5</sup> vpon the town's Wast before the hospitall at the Bridgend : *rented*.

12. We present Robert Ball, Chandlare, for lettinge a barne on  
30 the town's Ground to a farrinare :<sup>4</sup> *xs.*

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : as above ; the same.<sup>4</sup> *i.e.*, non-burgess.<sup>2</sup> The same.<sup>5</sup> pentice = penthouse.<sup>3</sup> reall = rail.

13. We present Hugh Gelson for layinge manure vnder one of the Arches at the Leine Bridge : *ijs.* 2788.

LXXX.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1639, Tuesday, June 20.

*Towne's detts* :—This Companie are agreed to pay the severall somes sett vpon theire heads towards the payment of the townes debts, to be paid in fower payments, the firste payment to be made att *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> nexte, and the nexte att our Lady-day, and the other twoe att *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> and our Lady-day followinge ; and this Companie are agreed and haue promised to pay and performe the same accordingly ; and the other Burgesses thorowe<sup>2</sup> the wholl towne to be called in by wards, and to be perswaded to make and geue free Contribucions for the payment of the saied detts, and Maister Maior beinge moved to appoynt a tyme for the callinge of the Reste of the Burgesses in to contribute, refuseth to appoynt anie tyme, because hee lykes nott of the mocion or way, butt would haue everie man to partt with his Burgesse partt whether hee will or noe, and therefore hath dischargd all those that haue partts in Eastcrofte from Medlinge with them, butt will appoynt the Chamberlaynes to lett the same. Maister Maior *iiij. li.*, Maister James *iiij. li.*, Maister Nixe *iiij. li.*, Maister Gregorie *iiij. li.*, Maister Hardmett *iiij. li.*, Maister Toplady *iiij. li.*, Maister Greaves *iiij. li.*, Maister Parker *iiij. li.*, Maister Recklesse *xls.*, Maister James *xls.*, Maister Perrie *xxs.*, Maister Derbyshire *iiij. li.*, Maister Bateman *xls.*, Maister Collishawe *xls.*, Maister Richards *xls.*, Maister Groues *xxs.*, Maister Cooke *xls.*, Maister Dringg *xls.*, Maister Millner *xls.*, Maister Drewrie *iiij. li.*, Maister William Richards *xls.*, Maister Widoson *xls.*, John Sherwin *26s. 8d.*, Ezechias Reason *26s. 8d.*, John Parsons *26s. 8d.*, Anthonie Wrighte *10s.*, William Sumner *26s. 8d.*, Maister Winfeild *xls.* 3413, fo. 66.

LXXXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1639, July 15.

*Per orientem.*<sup>3</sup>

Wee dooe humbly desier that the Constables may gather vp the mony presently for Common Worke, or ells that they which denyes

<sup>1</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

<sup>2</sup> thorowe = through, throughout.

<sup>3</sup> Translation : By the east.

payment may presently Common with thear droughtes<sup>1</sup> or other, befoer the Assises, for sum of ower Compeny hath hard Gentlemen of the Cuntry threaten the Towne at this next Assises. 80, ro. 66.

*Presentments by Michael Brightman x<sup>to</sup> July, 1639.*

5 [I present] John Parsons for layinge of Meanor<sup>2</sup> in the Medowes before the<sup>3</sup> hay was caryed from the same grownd, *which* mucke or Maynu<sup>2</sup> is verie noisome and dangerous for cattle.

Edward Richards junior, for the lyke.

Robert Godfrey for the lyke.

10 William White for the lyke.

*Ignoramus.*<sup>4</sup> Michael Brightman, *Juratus.*<sup>5</sup> 80, ro. 67.

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>6</sup>

*Imprimis*, wee present John Ripon for Anoying Sen James lane with a dungill : *fynded*.

15 *Item*, Richard Brinsla for not paying the wach, and puting out the cunstabell out of his house by violence :<sup>7</sup> *ijjs. iiijd.* 80, ro. 71

# LXXXII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1640, Wednesday, April 15.

This Companie takinge into Consideracion the towne's detts, and thatt they doe amount vnto 550 li., for *which*, or the moste partt thereof the towne payeth intereste, and the Chamber of the towne, by reason of those and such lyke payments, is nott able to subsiste, nor the Revenewes sufficient to defray or beare the same Chardges and expences, Therefore they are agreed and doe order thatt they thatt have anie partts in Eastcrofte, shall yearely pay xxxs. for three yeares, and they thatt have anie partt[s] in Westcrofte, to pay yearely 25 for the same tearme, 40s. ; the same payments to be made and paid to such collector or collectors as shalbe nominated by Maister Maior for the tyme beinge, and the same monies to be paid att the layinge oute of the same partts, or when the hay is mowed downe, yearely duringe the saied tearme.<sup>8</sup>

3414, fo. 47.

<sup>1</sup> drays, etc.

<sup>2</sup> manure.

<sup>3</sup> the,] 'they,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: We ignore it=no true bill.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: Sworn.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.

<sup>7</sup> He was also at the same time fined 10s. for taking an inmate.

<sup>8</sup> This minute is followed by various orders (too lengthy for insertion) for payments by tenants of town lands.

LXXXIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1640, October 12.

*Per occidentalem partem.*<sup>1</sup>

We present Herauld Gamble for keeping of a skabbed horse vppon the Commons, loose : *xs.*

We present Maister William Greaves, of Nuttall, for anoyinge ye Narrow Marsh with Ramill<sup>2</sup> and sand : *amended.* 5

We present Maister Roberte Theoballs, minister, for the like in the same streete : *amended.* 81, ro. 4.

*Per Constabularios.*<sup>3</sup>

*Imprimis*, wee present John Richards for keepinge a masty dogg vnmusled : *fyned.* 10

*Item*, we present Richard Smith for denyeing to sell a penny-worth of ale out of doers : *ijs. iiijd.*

*Item*, wee present Thomas Bagguiley for denyeing soldiers lodginge, and givinge ill language to the Constable, being broughte him by a constable : *xijd.* 15

*Item*, wee present Ann Clarke for denieinge soldiers lodginge, and givinge ill speeches, and havinge noe lodgers in her house : *ijs. vjd.*

*Item*, wee present John Pyc for denyeing soldiers lodginge for their money : *ijs. vjd.* 81, ro. 5.

LXXXIV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1640, October 22.

*Imprimis*, we present Michaell Brightman for not scowring the dike betweene the Pindar fee, and Westcraft : *xijd.* 20

4. We present Ritchard Wood for his Wharfage being in decay : *xs.*

We request there may be a reale set, to keepe out horses out of the Bughoales, for treading in the dike : *done.*

We request there may be 3 Mearestones<sup>4</sup> betweene the parke end and Radford hedge noocke. 25

6. We present Robert Wood for digging up the foote way towards Saint Ann's Well, to the danger of passengers : *xijd.*

11. We present Alderman Burton for annoying Hallyfaxe lane with his Meanor :<sup>5</sup> *xijd.* 30

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : By the western side.<sup>4</sup> *i.e.*, boundary stones.<sup>2</sup> rubbish.<sup>5</sup> Meanor = manure.<sup>3</sup> *Translation* : By the Constables.

13. We present *Maister* William Greaves' Clerke for annoying the street neare the Churchyard syde with filth : *xijd.*

15. We present Jhon Hillton for not dressing before his dore : *xijd.*

5 18. We present Jhon Hilton, the baker, for not scowring the dike in Butcher's Close : *xijd.*

20. We present Barnabe Watnabe for the like : *xijd.*

23. We present Hugh Selston for annoying the Common with Carrion, and horse bones : *ijs.*

10 31. We request there may be a brigge ouer the Rowell<sup>1</sup> in Lister gate : *Camerarii.*<sup>2</sup>

We request the Tolchouse may either be repayred, or taken downe : *taken downe.*

We request the bullringe may either be repayred, or taken downe,  
15 likewise : *repayred.*

35. We present *Maister* William Parker, sherrife, for annoying the sands with his rammell :<sup>3</sup> *ijs.*

36. We present Ritchard Watkinson for incroching with his bulkes into the townes street : *ijs. vjd.*

20 37. We present Richard Watkinson for th[r]owing his ramell<sup>3</sup> into the hollow ouer the Market wall : *vs.*

We request the hoale of this side the Malt milne may be mended : *Camerarii.*<sup>2</sup>

42. We present *Maister* William Fletcher, recorder, for not dress-  
25 ing away the durte before his barne in Friar lane : *ijs. vjd.*

44. We present Ritchard Michael for laying his meaner<sup>4</sup> uppon the backe side : *xijd.*

58. We present Nicolas Walker for not dressing his backe side<sup>5</sup> neare the Common well.<sup>6</sup>

30 We present Ritchard Smith for reuealing the secretts of the jurie : *mistaken.*

We present Ritchard Smith for being absent at the uerdict<sup>7</sup> giuing up : *ijs. vjd.*

We request there may be a Swincherd, as heretofore there hath  
35 beene : *there is one.*

<sup>1</sup> 'Rowell,' sewer, etc.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation* : The Chamberlains.

<sup>3</sup> rubbish.

<sup>4</sup> manure.

<sup>5</sup> *i.e.*, not cleaning his back premises.

<sup>6</sup> The fine is torn off.

<sup>7</sup> *i.e.*, verdict.

*xxiiij<sup>o</sup> Octobris, 1640.*

This verdict was taken before *William Drewric*, Maior, *Maister James*, and *Maister Hardmett*, Aldermen. 2789.

LXXXV.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1640, Tuesday, November 3.

*William Newcome*, postmaister.<sup>1</sup>—*William Newcome*, Baker, hath vndertaken to be postmaister for this towne from Martynmas day 5 nexte for Thre Monethes,<sup>2</sup> and the towne to allowe him 40s. for thatt tyme, and hee to provide three horses with saddles and bridles, too be allwaies reddey for this service vpon everie occasion, and a guyde for thatt service; and to save the towne harmeless from all trobles by reason of this service, and to be reddey with his three horses and 10 Guyde. 3415, fo. 46.

LXXXVI.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1640-1.

<sup>3</sup>Right Worshipfull of this Corporacion :

Whereas the beare[r] hearcof, *John Gosson*, of this towne, flecher,<sup>4</sup> doth desire *your* worships, that *you* would be pleased to take some order that the arte of Artillery may be vseed in this Corporacion as 15 itt ought to be, and that the Buttes may be Repayred, and so kepe theise things [from] nott beinge performed accordinge to the Statute; and *your* foresayd flecher<sup>4</sup> nott beinge able to travell abroad, as he hath formerly<sup>5</sup> done, by Reason that itt hath pleased God to vissitt him lately with great sicknes, hath thought good to apeale to *your* 20 worships in the Sesshons houlden for this Corporacion; so, desiringe *your* worships that theise things may be efected acording to Law, he leaue[s] itt to *your* worthy Consideracion.

*Your* flecher,<sup>4</sup> *John Gosson*.

81, ro. 14.

LXXXVII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1641, Wednesday, April 21.

*Jarvis Newcome*, the Officer:—This Companie are content (with 25 the allowance of the Aldermen), to geue way to *Jarvys Newcome* to

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 645.

<sup>2</sup> On the 18th February following, he was 'continued in office' for one more quarter, *i.e.*, until May-day.

<sup>3</sup> This letter is undated.

<sup>4</sup> flecher = fletcher, a manufacturer of bows and arrows.

<sup>5</sup> 'hath' repeated here in MS.

be in Edward Hargrave's office, and hee to have the lettinge and disposing of all the Stallages, and to receave the profitts thereof to his owne vse, soe thatt in the lettinge the same Stalls, there be noe Just cawse of Complaynt in the excesse of the Rates, butt thatt  
 5 vpon everie Complaynt, the Maior for the tyme beinge to Moderate the Rate of the same. And to have noe other fee or allowance from the towne in respecte of the same office and place; for Consideracion of which place or benifitt, the saied Jarvis Newcome is to scowre all the cawsey dittches heretofore scowred by the towne, and shall lyke-  
 10 wise keepe open and scower the three Common Iseues in the towne, and keepe and oversee all the Common Muckhills in the towne from annoyinge the highway and passingers, and to make cleane suche pavements, streets, and lanes in the towne as are nott to be made cleane by anie other officer by reason of his office or place, and to have  
 15 noe allowance for tooles or spades from the Towne. 3415, fo. 62.

LXXXVIII.—*Presentments of the Mickleton Jury.*

1641, May 13.

3. Wee present Richarde Wood for the Warfe at the Trente Bridge beinge in greate decay, and hath neede to bee spedily reformd : *fyned*.

10. We present Francis Mettham for stoppinge the highway in  
 20 the Midletorne Walke in the Ladies' closes : *xijd*.

15. We present Maister John Parsons for the Cuttinge downe of the Willows in Est Crafte, and caryinge them a way, contrarie to ordare : *xs*.

18. We presente Steuen Robarts for inroachinge vpon the town's  
 25 ground with a portch and a swine sty : *fyned*.

20. We presente George Wheatley for not dresinge the streets against his dore at the March end : *xijd*.

22. We presente Adrian Garnar for inroachinge vpon the town's grounde in Benite lane at the Marsh end : *vs*.

30 26. We presente Maister John Combs for inroachinge vpon the town's ground With pales : *iiijd. per annum*.

Wee desire that all the Muckhills in the Hovmes, and the back-side, may be rented, or reformd in andother Way : *rented*.

36. We present Robert Fallows for sinkinge of a paire of staires  
 35 in Wollpake lane : *vs*.

48. We present Richard Feilds for in Croachinge one the vpare end of Gousgate with his wall : *rented*.

55. We present Maister William Druerie, maior, for anoyne the stret in the Low paument with timbare and Carts : *ijs*.

This verdicte was taken the xxist of May, 1641, before William 5  
Drewrie,<sup>1</sup> Maior, Maister James, Maister Nixe, Maister Hardmett,  
and Maister Burton, Aldermen. 2789.

LXXXIX.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1641, July 8.

It is this day Ordered by the howse of Commons, That the knights, Cittizens, and Burgesses of the severall Counties, Cittyes, and Burroughs appointed to pay in theire Monies at Yorke, shall 10  
write downe *Letters* to the severall Counties, Citties, and Burroughs, to move them for the speedy payeing in of those Monies appointed to bee paid by them, by vertue of an Act Intituled, 'An Act for the Provision of Monies for the disbanding the Armyes, and settling the peace of the two kinge[d]omes of England and Scotland,' in the 15  
same manner as is appointed and directed by the said Act. And the said knights, Cittizens, and Burgesses respectively are likewise required with all speede to send downe the printed Act and the Proclamacion yssued fourth for the payment of the said Monies.

H. Elsynge, *Clericus domûs Communium*.<sup>2</sup> 20  
81, ro. 60.

1641, July 19.

*Per Orientem* :<sup>3</sup> Maister Derbshire, et alios.<sup>4</sup>

We Request that the hye wayes againste Saint Jone's may be repaired, for Severall cattell hath beene in greate danger of spoyling, and one horse had his legg broke with the overthrow of a Cart : 25  
*amended*.

We Request that the fence betwixt the Rihiles<sup>5</sup> and Wilforth paster may be repaired : *done*.

We presente Robbert King for keeping his swine in the streete, to the greate anoyance of his neaighbores : *xijd*. 81, ro. 57. 30

<sup>1</sup> Fined above (55).

<sup>2</sup> *Translation* : Clerk of the House of Commons.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation* : By the East.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation* : and others.

<sup>5</sup> *i.e.*, Rye-hills.

XC.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1641-2, Wednesday, February 2.

*Maister Flettcher's Annuitye.*—Memorandum, thatt this day, before the Companie mencioned in the firste page, *Maister Flettcher*, Recorder, declared himselfe thatt by reason of his Age, and infirmities attendinge ould Age and gray hayres, hee desired to be spared from  
 5 the place of a Recorder, butt condicionall in twoe respects, firste, thatt hee may have the x. li. fee incident to the place, to be Conferred vpon him and his wyfe duringe their lyues, and the longer lyves of them; Secondly, thatt the Companie wold be pleased, vpon his Surrender, to Confer the same place by way of elleccion vpon the righte  
 10 honorable the Earle of Clare, the which Mocions this Companie takinge into Consideracion, have willingly assented to grant the same Annuitie<sup>1</sup> to *Maister Flettcher* and his wyfe for their lyues, And have lykewise freely, *nullo contradicente*,<sup>2</sup> elected the saied Earle of Clare to be Recorder, yf hee be pleased to accepte the  
 15 same. And *Maister Flettcher* hathe allsoe promised to Supplye the place vntill my lord be pleased to signifie his pleasure touchinge this Mocion. And *Maister Hooper*, Steward to my Lord of Clare, beinge acquaynted herewith, hathe vndertaken to signifie the same elleccion to the Earle of Clare, and to acquaynt this Companie  
 20 withall convenient speed, whatt my lord's good pleasure is herein.

3416, fo. 37.

1641-2, Thursday, March 10.

*Maister Leeke and Maister Woodroffe*:—Vpon the hearinge of the matters of difference betweene *Maister Leeke*, Schoolemaister, and *Maister Woodroffe*, his Vsher, *Maister Leeke* havinge preferred  
 25 dyvers articles of negligence againste him, which beinge read vnto him, and havinge particulerly answered therevnto, is nott alltogether Excusable from the same, insoemuche as the Companie are nott willinge thatt hee should be soe farr invested in the same place as thatt he may nott be removed from the same, yett this Companie are  
 30 content to make a further triall of him for one quarter more, in hope of amendement of his negligence; and *Maister Leeke*, beinge herewith acquaynted, is well pleased to approve of this companie's direction, and hath accepted of *Maister Woodroffe* accordingly, vpon

<sup>1</sup> Annuitie,] 'annutie,' MS.<sup>2</sup> Translation: No one contradicting; nulla, MS.

hope of reformation in future ; and soe for this tyme these differences are thus determynd.

*Ib.*, fo. 44.

1642, Monday afternoon, June 13.

*Loane to the Parliament.*—This Companie havinge receaved a letter from the parliament, signed by Maister Lenthall, the speaker, for the loane of a good some of monie towards the present Relcife of 5 Ireland, att viij. li. *per* Centum, and to haue the fayth of the parliament for repayment att a yeaere's end, are content to take in the 110 li. lately putt forthe of the towne's monie, and 100 li. thereof to be lent, and the x. li. to be putt into the Chamberlaine's hands for payment of the monies reserved by Sir George Peckham's will, and the Countrie 10 gentlemen and other able Townesmen to be delte with as speedyly as may bee, to make vpp a Competent some, as an addicion to the 100 li., and accordingly this companie present are content to disburse the somes sett vpon theire heades—after this carrecter,—‘x. li.’ And those Ciphred haue desired to be forborne in regard of theire detts 15 and other alegacions of inhabilitie ; and the reste Marked thus ‘s’ Ciphred, haue taken tyme to consider of the Mocion, vntill a further opportunitie. Maister Maior : 100 li. : x. li. : nott to hold ytt. Maister Nixe : 100 li. : x. li. Maister Hardmett : 100 li., x. li. 8 Maister Burton : 100 li. 8 Maister Drewrie, 100 li., x. li. 8 Maister Greaves, 20 100 li. 8 Maister Parker, 100 li., iiij. li. to be deferred. Maister Morrice, 100 li. : o : nott to hold. Maister Derbyshire, 100 li. : o : to be deferred. Maister Collishawe, 100 li. : o : nott to hold. Maister Richards, 100 li. : o, to be deferred. Maister Cooke, 100 li., not to hold. Maister Dringe, 100 li., v. li. nott to hold. Maister Richards, 100 li., o, nott to hold. 25 Maister Wolley, 100 li., v. li. nott to hold, vnlesse he come to church nexte Sunday. Maister Gamble, 100 li., v. li. nott to hold *vt supra*.<sup>1</sup> Thomas Smithe, 100 li., o, nott to hold. 8 John Fillingham, 100 li., 8, nott to hold. 8 William Bayly, 100 li. 8 : nott to hold. Maister Sutton, 100 li., iiij. li., nott to hold ytt. 8 Maister Hydes 100 li., 8, nott to hold 30 ytt.<sup>2</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 53.

1642, Thursday, July 14.

<sup>3</sup>Memorandum John, Earle of Clare, beinge pleased to accepte of his elleccion to the Recorder's place of this towne, came to the townehall, and there accordingly tooke the oathes of Allegiance and

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : as above.

<sup>2</sup> On the following Monday, a Mr. Lynley, of Nottingham, offered by ‘Leon

Watson’ to lend £100 to Parliament, accepting its ‘faith’ for repayment.

<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 675.

supremacie, the Burgesse oathe, and the oathe of the Recorder mencioned in the Record of the Redd Booke; and was pleased to nominate *Maister* [Gilbert] Millington to be his Deputye Recorder, and *Maister* [James] Chadwicke to supply the place untill *Maister* 5 Millington's cominge. *Ib.*, fo. 56.

1642, Thursday, July 21.

<sup>1</sup> *The Prince*: This companie doe hould ytt fittinge to present the prince<sup>2</sup> with 50 li. in gould, and a purse; and *Maister* Chadwicke, att the request of this Companie, is content to prepare a speech to the prince's highenes, and to present the same purse and goulde. *Ib.*, fo. 57.

1642, Wednesday, August 3.

<sup>10</sup> <sup>3</sup> This Companie are content, att my Lord Newarke's mocion, to lend oute of the towne's Magazin one barrell of powder, *which* is promised to be restored<sup>4</sup> againe within x. dayes nowe nexte en-sewinge, and allsoe by a note vnder Sir Nicholas Byron's hand in *Maister* Maior's custodye. *Ib.*, fo. 57.

1642, Wednesday, August 10.

<sup>15</sup> *Maister* Maior's accompte for lx. li., Receaved from *Maister* Drewrie, thatt was in his hands of the Townes, and disbursed att his Majestic's and the Prince's beinge here, xxj<sup>o</sup> July, 1642.

To the prince in gould	. . . . .	1. li.
For the purse	. . . . .	xxxvs.
<sup>20</sup> To the Trumpeters	. . . . .	iiij. li.
For wyne geven to his Majestic's servants then	. . . . .	vijs. iijd.
To the King's fotemen	. . . . .	xxxs.
To the prince's footemen	. . . . .	xxs.
To the Coachman	. . . . .	xs.
<sup>25</sup> To the other officers thatt wayted then	. . . . .	xxs.
Wantinge in the some and layed out more	. . . . .	xviijd.
		£59 3s. 9d.

Remaines 16s. 3d. oute of *which* was paid as followeth:—

To <i>Maister</i> Hardmett thatt was oweinge him when hee was	
<sup>30</sup> collector of the Subsidy	. . . . . ijs.
To <i>Maister</i> Derbishire thatt hee <i>paied</i> for wattuchinge Lacey	iijs.
Remaines xjs. iijd. <i>which</i> is <i>paied</i> to <i>Maister</i> Hutton, Chamberlayne, to bringe in Accompte.	3416, fo. 59.

<sup>1</sup> Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 661.

<sup>2</sup> The king and prince visited the town this year.

<sup>3</sup> Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 651.

<sup>4</sup> Bailey has 'returned.'

1642. *In festo Assumptionis beatae Mariae Virginis.*<sup>1</sup>

Richard Willson, sometymes<sup>2</sup> Maister Maior's Serieant, havinge preferred a petition to the Companie for some annuall Releife, in regard of his povertye, they are content to allowe him for this yeare a Colleccion in the severall parishes; and yf the some in thatt way 5  
bee . . . .<sup>3</sup>

1642, Thursday, August 25.

<sup>4</sup>Eastcrofte to be lett to the gard and the King's servants att 4d.  
day and nighte. *Ib.*, fo. 60.

1642, Thursday, September 22.

*Cariadges for ye Kinge.*—Memorandum, ytt is agreed that those townsmen thatt went to Derbye with their Draughtes since the 10  
31th of August shall have ijs. vjd. a draughte for everie tyme, and for them thatt went to Leicester iijs. for everie tyme thatt they went, over and besides the King's pay: provided thatt yf anie man be disproved in his demaunds, then such person soe disproved to loose his allowance. *Ib.*, fo. 61. 15

1642, Monday, September 26.

*Sheepe in the feilds: order.*—For thatt the Commons of this towne in the Feilds, meadowes, and Eastcrofte, by Reason of his Majestie's beinge here, and his trayne,<sup>5</sup> are eaten vpp, and the pore Burgesses are lyke to be deprived of the agistment<sup>6</sup> of Eastcrofte for this yeare, for thatt the same was vsed for the gard's horses and 20  
others of the King's howschould, ytt is therefore ordered, thatt the Sheepe shall for this yeare be restrayned from beinge putt into the Feilds and Lammas-closes, vntill the Sixth of October nexte, accordinge to thatt number mencioned in the order; and the same Sheepe to have Common there vntill the xth day of November nexte; and 25  
this order to have noe further Contynewance butt for this yeare onely, and then the same to be vsed accordinge to the order formerly made, vnless this Companie shall, vpon better Consideracion, allter

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* In the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

<sup>2</sup> sometimes=formerly. It is generally written 'sometime'; 'sometynes,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> The sentence is left unfinished in MS.

<sup>4</sup> Quoted in Bailey, ii., 672. Bailey has 'four shillings' instead of 4d. The d. of the MS. is a little blotted, but is sufficiently legible.

<sup>5</sup> The King set out from Nottingham for Wales about the 13th of this month, having erected his standard in the town on the 22nd of the preceding month of August.

<sup>6</sup> 'agistment,' taking of cattle to pasture in the King's forest, etc., at a certain fixed rate.

the same former order, or anie partt thereof, for the good and benifitt of the poore Commoners.

*Maister Maior his allowance for ye King's beinge here:* This Companie are content to allowe *Maister Maior* xx. li. from the towne towards his howsekeepinge duringe the tyme of his *Majestie's* beinge here; and to haue a Bill to the Chamberlaynes for payment thereof.

*William Newcome postmaister.*—William Newcome, postmaister, complayninge of his greate paines and Chardge in conveyinge packetts and other services for the towne, this companie are content to forgeue him the monie chardged vpon him for the loane to his *Majestie*, being 30s., and to allowe him xxs. from the towne, where-with hee is well contented, and accepteth the same verie thanckfully.<sup>1</sup>

3416, fo. 63.

1642, Wednesday, December 14.

<sup>2</sup>This c. li. was assessed and Rated towards payment of expences and Chardges of the Soldiers nowe in towne, and other Chardges of the Committee, and the Countrie gentlemen have assented (*et dixerunt*<sup>3</sup>) to disburse 200 li. for this c. li.

3417, fo. 22.

1642, December 18.

Ytt is desired by this Companie and those on the other side, thatt the gentlemen of the towne and countrie would ioynce in assistance with the townesmen for the defence of the towne, whoe doe hould theire assistance and presence verie requisite in this busines, for the towne's safetie.

The gentlemen of the towne and Countye are desired to Joyne with the townesmen, in assistance for the defense and safty of the Towne. 18<sup>o</sup> Decembris, 1642, *die Solis*,<sup>4</sup> in Guildhald.

3417, fo. 2.

1642-3, Thursday, January 5.

<sup>5</sup>*Maister Dringge, Maister Millner, Maister Wolley, [and] Maister Malen* to assist the workemen in layinge of blocks for blockinge vpp the way in Brodlane, and other places.

3417, fo. 23.

<sup>1</sup> On the same day 40s. was received from Richard Langley for his 'bawdrie' (*i.e.*, obscene language and behaviour), half to go to the relief of 'Slater's children,' and the other 20s. 'to buy a scold-cart with, such scold-cart to be used also for the conveyance of cripples to other towns.'

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 673. There is a list of 31 contributors on the same page with this minute.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: as they have said.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: Sunday.

<sup>5</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 677.

1643, Wednesday, April 5.

<sup>1</sup>This meetinge was to geue answere to certen proposicions sent by the Committee to this Companie, as appeareth by a note attested vnder Maister Salisburie's hand.

1. For makinge twoe gates att Chappell Barr and Cowlane Barr ; the Committee to fynde wood and Iron, and the towne to fynde 5 workemen : assented to.

2. The second for a drawebridge over the Leene ; the Committee to fynde wood and Iron, and the towne workemenshipp : assented vnto ; the towne's woods to be excepted.

3. Thee (*sic*) Companie are nott willinge thatt the towne shall 10 medle with such a worke, and<sup>2</sup> thatt the same would bee verie preiudiciall to dyvers particuler persons, and to the towne in generall, and the Chardge exceedinge greate, and the benifitt never lykely to be verie greate, and in noe wise able to countervayle the Chardge.

*Ib.*, fos. 25 and 26. 15

*Maister Leake.*—Maister Leake is allowed by this Companie to have xxvs. for servinge in the vscher's place for this last quarter, and to gett an vscher withall speede, or ells this companie to provide one withall speed.

*Ib.*, fo. 26.

1643, Friday afternoon, April 28.

1. <sup>3</sup>That Maister Clarke, Maister Clay, Maister Hydes, and 20 Adrian Garner are nominated, att the mocion of the Committee, to attend their pleasures, to here their accompts for monies Receaved and paid, for the satisfaccion of the Soldierie and others, yf the Committee please to accepte of them, to thatt purpose, and appoynt their tyme of attendance for thatt service.

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2. For the second proposicion, Maister Dringg, Maister William Richards, Maister Wolley, Maister Turpin, Maister Henrie James, Maister Gamble, Maister Hutton, [and] John Ludlam, to attend the Committee for the service of those mocions and orders in the saied Second proposicion conteyned, for the effectinge thereof accordinge 30 to the intencion of the same order, and in everie particuler thereof, to their best indeavours and discretions.

3. For the Third proposicion, The towne are content to take present order for makeinge Gates att the three places desired, yf the

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 677.

<sup>2</sup> 'are of opinion' to be understood.  
An incorrect mode of expression not yet

quite obsolete. The third proposition, as Bailey remarks, is not stated.

<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 677.

Committee and surveyors thincke them necessarie to be erected in all the same places; and the towne to fynde workemanshipp, Soe as<sup>1</sup> the Committee wilbe pleased to fynde materialls, as Wood and Iron, and to lay the same att the places where they are to be wroughte, att  
5 their Chardges. *Ib.*, fo. 28.

1643, May 5.

<sup>2</sup>*Wood*.—It is voted and ordered by the house that the Bridgemaisters shall fell three trees to make piles, and fve trees to make plancks, for repaire of the bridges. 3420, p. 27.

1643, Saturday, May 20.

*Night-guard*.—<sup>3</sup>This Companie are agreed thatt those Wattchmen  
10 men thatt are appoynted to Wattche the towne nightly, for the flanckinge and strengthinge the Centeries and inner gards, shalbe sworne to keepe their Wattche vntill fower of the Clocke in the Morninge; and thatt whosoever shall departt from his garde or Wattche after hee be assigned and appoynted by the Captayne of  
15 the Wattche, shall pay for his fyne ijs.; or ells in defalte thereof, the same person soe offendinge to be ymprisoned duringe the pleasure of the Captayne of the wattche; the same fyne to be paid to the Wattchmen of that Centerie where the defalte ys made, to be devided amongste them, and xxx<sup>tie</sup> to be appoynted everie nighte to  
20 wattche, oute of the severall wards.

*Pioneers*.—Ytt is ordered thatt xx. able Workemen shalbe appoynted to Worke dayly for makinge of Brestworkes, and to be paid viijd. a day for their labours; the same monies to be Collected weekly oute of the wards, as formerly hathe beene in the payment of  
25 the pyoneers, viz<sup>t</sup>, everie Alderman xijd. weekly, and other inhabitants accordinge to their former assessments viiid. for a wholl man, and iiijd. for a halfe wattchman; and yf anie man send a sufficient man of his owne, hee to be excused from the weekly assessment. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

<sup>30</sup> 1643, Monday, June 12. At the house of Thomas Winter, Chaundler.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>5</sup>*Ensigne or cullers*.—Maister Nixe movinge the Companie for pay-

<sup>1</sup> so as=provided.

<sup>2</sup> This minute is inserted between the dates 24 April and 26 May, 1646, and, after the date '5 May, 1643,' Mr. Flamstead, the Town Clerk, who succeeded

Mr. Greaves, has written, 'When I was at London.'

<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 677.

<sup>4</sup> 'Apud domum Thomae Winter, Chaundler,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 680.

ment of the Chardge of his ensigne or cullers, and the same amount-  
 inge to iiij. li. vjs. vjd., besides the staffe and tryminge, the companie  
 are content to allowe the Chardge and tryminge, and the same  
 ensigne to be hereafter accounted as the townes goods, and to be  
 employed for there service vpon all occasions, and the towne are  
 contented to allowe the Chardge of a Scarffe, to be the towne's goods  
 allsoe, and the same Scarffe to goe with the ensigne for the towne's  
 vse vpon the lyke occasion. 3417, fos. 29-30.

1643, Wednesday, July 12.

<sup>1</sup>The names of them thatt Lent monies thatt was lent for pay-  
 ment of Coronell Cromwell's Captaynes and soldiers, beinge c. li., 10  
 xij<sup>o</sup> July, 1643.

The Lady Grantham . . . .	x. li.	Maister Hood . . . .	v. li.	
Maister Edge . . . .	xls.	Sam Burrowes . . . .	x. li.	
John Walker . . . .	x. li.	Robert Symons . . . .	xxs.	
Robert Sillvester . . . .	v. li.	Maister William Parker, 15		
John Wrighte . . . .	xxxxs.	Senior . . . .	v. li.	
Maister Gregorie Silvester	xls.	John Vaus . . . .	iii. li.	
Wallter Beeston . . . .	xls.	Raphe Vaus . . . .	v. li.	
Maister William Parker,		Robert Burrowes . . . .	iii. li.	
Junior . . . .	v. li.	Maister Thomas Henton	v. li.	20
Maister Randall Millner .	x. li.	John Smalley . . . .	v. li.	
Maister Gamble . . . .	x. li.	Charles Forman . . . .	xls.	
Adrian Garner . . . .	x. li.	Maister Collishawe . . . .	xls.	
William Hemsley . . . .	xls.		115 li. 10s. od.	

oute of which 100 li. was deliuered to Captayne Dodsworth, Cap- 25  
 tayne Smith, and Captayne Roper<sup>2</sup> for payment of their Soldiers; the  
 remaynder beinge xv. li. xs., remaynes in the hands of Maister Maior,  
 or Maister Toplady.<sup>3</sup> 3417, fo. 49.

1643, July 26.

<sup>4</sup>The names of the men and somes of the mony what every man  
 lent towards the raisinge of cc. li. vpon Sir John Meldrum's Request. 30

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Maister Maior . . . .	10	0	0	Maister Alderman James	10	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 682.

<sup>2</sup> All in Cromwell's regiment.

<sup>3</sup> There is a re-entry of the above  
 amounts as received on the same day, and  
 it is added that 'Colonell Pierrepont, Cap-

tayne Dodsworthe, and Captayne White  
 stand bound for repayment *primo Augusti*  
 1643.'

<sup>4</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 683-4.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
<i>Maister Alderman</i>				<i>Maister Collishaw</i>	03	00	0
Gregory . . .	10	0	0	Huntingdon Eyre . .	02	00	0
<i>Maister Alderman</i>				James Trowell . . .	01	00	0
Nixe . . . . .	10	0	0	Timothy Heardson . .	00	10	0
5 <i>Maister William</i>				Edward Richards . . .	01	00	0
Clarke . . . . .	02	0	0	Thomas Cooper . . . .	01	00	0
<i>Maister Thomas</i>				Robert Saxon . . . .	01	00	0
Cooke . . . . .	03	0	0	John Astlyn . . . . .	01	10	0
<i>Maister Derbyshire</i>	01	0	0				
10 <i>Maister Alderman</i>					104	01	0
Burton . . . . .	03	0	0				
<i>Maister Wolly</i> . . .	03	0	0	Thomas Burges . . . .	0	10	0
<i>Maister Turpin</i> . .	02	0	0	<i>Summa totalis</i> . . .	104	11	0
<i>Maister Malyn</i> . . .	03	0	0				
15 <i>Maister William</i>				Whereof there was			
Richards . . . . .	02	00	0	paid then vnto			
<i>Maister Henry James</i>	04	00	0	the Committee,			
the monies yat was				for which to bee			
left in <i>Maister</i>				repaid in Nov-			
20 <i>Alderman Top-</i>				ember next Cap-			
ladie's hands since				tin Piggott gaue			
the last Assess-				his bond to			
ment . . . . .	14	11	0	<i>Maister Maior</i> . . .	100	00	0
<i>Maister Fillingham</i> .	02	10	0	and whereof there			
25 <i>Maister Whitby</i> . .	02	00	0	was then spent			
<i>Maister Ludlam</i> . . .	02	10	0	12d. and for a			
<i>Maister Sumner</i> . . .	02	00	0	purse of <i>Maister</i>			
<i>Maister Beardsly</i> . .	02	00	0	<i>Maior's</i> 4d.: <i>toto</i> <sup>1</sup>	000	01	4
Steven Holmes . . . .	01	00	0				
30 <i>William Ryly</i> . . . .	01	10	0		100	01	4
<i>Maister Parsons</i> . . .	02	00	0				
The rest, beinge . . . . .					li.	s.	d.
remaneth in the hands of <i>Maister Maior</i> , together with					004	09	0
the said bond wherevnto A schedule is to bee made							
35 and annexed vnder <i>Maister Maior's</i> hand, of the men's							
names to whose vse the said 100 li. is to bee paid . . .							

3417, fo. 47.

<sup>1</sup> Translation: in all.

1643, July 28.

<sup>1</sup> *Villa Nottinghamiae*.<sup>2</sup>—An Assessment made this 28th day of July, *Anno domini* 1643, by the Maior, Aldermen, and common Councell of the Towne of Nottingham, by vertue of, and accordinge vnto, an order or warrant to them directed from the Committee of Parliament now resident at Nottingham, and bearing date the 27 day 5 of this instant July, 1643, for the raisinge and advanceinge of mony, accordinge to the tenor and purport of the same :

Colonell Pierepont, Colonell Thornehaghe, Leefetenant Colonell Hutchinson, Maior Hutchinson, Doctor Plumptrey, *Maister* Widmerpoole, Captin Piggott, Captin White, Maior Ireton, *Maister* Salusbury.<sup>3</sup> 10

## LONG ROWE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Richard Watson . . .	0	6	8	<i>Maister</i> Jackson . . .	3	6	8
<i>Mistris</i> Rockett for				<i>Maister</i> Henry Millner	3	6	8
her selfe and her				Robert Baker . . .	0	10	0
sonn . . .	2	0	0	John Reckles . . .	2	10	0 15
John Metford . . .	0	6	8	<i>Mistris</i> Huthwaite . .	2	10	0
Richard Smyth . . .	1	0	0	Thomas Huthwaite . .	2	10	0
John Cowley . . .	0	6	8	<i>Maister</i> Trewman . . .	1	0	0
Randle Poynton . . .	0	10	0	Thomas Burges . . .	1	0	0
Thomas Lownde . . .	0	10	0	Joane Throne, <i>vidua</i> <sup>4</sup>	2	0	0 20
Edmund Mabbott and				William Moore . . .	0	6	8
his 2 sonns . . .	2	0	0	William Parker . . .	2	10	0
Samuel Ryly and				Samuel Wildeye . . .	2	0	0
Roger Ryly . . .	1	0	0	Widow Balderston . .	1	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Hoode . . .	3	0	0	George Oldfeild . . .	1	0	0 25
Thomas Moreley . . .	1	0	0	<i>Maister</i> Hurte . . .	3	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Hooton . . .	2	10	0	<i>Maister</i> Topladye . . .	5	0	0
Richard Watkinson . .	2	0	0	John Walker . . .	4	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Groves . . .	0	6	8	<i>Mistris</i> Reason . . .	1	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Watson . . .	1	0	0	<i>Mistris</i> Hacker . . .	3	0	0 30
<i>Maister</i> Samuel Mason	3	0	0	<i>Maister</i> Hawkins . . .	2	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Noticed by Bailey, who gives some of the contributors' names, vol. ii., p. 683.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: Town of Nottingham.

<sup>3</sup> The names of the members of the Nottingham Parliamentary Committee. In Mrs. Hutchinson's list the name of Captain

White is omitted, and there are the additional names of Gervas Lomax, the Mayor of Nottingham, and John Chadwicke. *Memoirs of Col. Hutchinson*, 2nd edition, p. 118.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: widow.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
George Rowse . . .	1	0	0	<i>Maister</i> Burrowes			
Thomas Moulton . . .	2	0	0	Marshall . . .	1	10	0
James Dringe . . .	2	0	0	Richard James . . .	1	10	0
Cutbert Vrin <sup>1</sup> . . .	0	10	0	John Twells . . .	1	0	0
5 Widow Millington . . .	1	0	0	Widow Dalley . . .	0	10	0
<i>Maister</i> Briggs . . .	1	10	0	Raph Millner . . .	1	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Silvester . . .	2	10	0	John Wingfield . . .	1	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Brunts . . .	2	10	0	John Lamberte . . .	1	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Edge . . .	3	6	8	Edward Eldershawe . . .	0	10	0
10 My Lady Grantham . . .	10	0	0	John Shawe . . .	0	10	0
<i>Maister</i> Henry Sher-				Richard Boote . . .	0	10	0
wyn . . .	04	0	0	Thomas Mabbott . . .	0	6	8
William Hemsley . . .	02	10	0	Isabell Oxley and her			
Francis Hemsley . . .	1	10	0	sister . . .	1	10	0
15 Widow Nixe . . .	0	10	0	their Millner . . .	0	10	0

## HEN CROSSE.

Henry Foxe . . .	1	0	0	Randle Dodd . . .	0	6	8
<i>Maister</i> Vandell . . .	1	10	0				

## SMYTH ROWE.

20 Richard Turpin . . .	1	0	0	Widow Ryly . . .	0	10	0
Richard Walker . . .	0	10	0	Timothy Heardson . . .	2	0	0
Calib Phipps . . .	0	10	0	<i>Maister</i> Ellis . . .	2	0	0

## GRIDLESMYTH GATE.

John Ludlam . . .	2	0	0	<i>Maister</i> Hooper . . .	2	0	0
25 Henrie Boote . . .	1	0	0	Henrie Trewman . . .	2	00	0
Mistris Maior <sup>2</sup> . . .	2	0	0	<i>Maister</i> Broome and			
<i>Maister</i> Derbshire . . .	2	0	0	his son . . .	2	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Cooke . . .	2	0	0	Adam Jackson . . .	1	0	0
William Ryly . . .	1	0	0	<i>Maister</i> John Gregory . . .	5	0	0
30 Robertt Pott . . .	0	6	8				

## SWINEGREENE.

George Smyth . . .	00	6	8	Thomas Swann . . .	0	6	8
William Lettin . . .	0	10	0	George <sup>3</sup> . . .	0	6	8
Robert Ogle . . .	0	6	8	Thomas Wright . . .	0	6	8
35 John Smedley . . .	0	6	8				

<sup>1</sup> Vrin = Urin.<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Hardmett.<sup>3</sup> Blank in MS.

**BARKER GATE.**

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Charles Moreley .	1	0	0	William Baker .	0	6	8
Richard Bullimore .	0	6	8	Widow Hardye .	0	6	8

**STONY STREETE.**

Maister Wolly .	3	6	8	John Burke .	1	0	0	5
William Newcom .	0	10	0	Maister Leake .	2	0	0	
Barnabie Wartnaby .	2	0	0	Maister Dekeser .	0	6	8	

**BELLER GATE.**

Richard Crampton .	0	16	0	John Morris .	0	6	8	
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**FISHER GATE.**

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Jeffery Nixon .	0	6	8	James Beardsly .	1	0	0	
Henrie Nixon .	0	6	8	Robert Bate .	0	10	0	
Gilbert Rose .	0	10	0	Christofer Kerke and				
Anthonie Wright .	0	10	0	his sonn .	0	10	0	
William Greene .	0	6	8	Steven Roberts .	1	0	0	15
Godfry Craggill .	0	6	8	John Hilton .	0	6	8	
Edward Bate .	0	10	0	Maister Beardsly .	2	0	0	
Alexander Beardsly .	1	00	0	Roger Sully .	0	6	8	
Daniell Sully .	0	10	0	Harold Gamble .	0	6	8	

**BRIDGE END.**

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Richard James .	0	15	0	Maister Bateman .	1	0	0	
Ellis Heslam .	0	10	0	Richard Brightman .	0	10	0	

**TRENT BRIDG.**

Richard Wood and Robert Wood . . . . .	1	0	0					
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**NARROW MARSH.**

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Robert Kerkby .	0	10	0	John Greene .	2	0	0	
George Wheatly .	0	10	0	William Hall .	1	0	0	
Thomas Chappell .	0	6	8	Maister Alderman				
Maister Hunt .	0	10	0	James .	5	0	0	
John Rippon .	0	6	8	Edward Richards .	1	00	0	30
William Morris .	0	10	0	Maister Sumner .	3	0	0	
Maister Morris .	2	0	0	Maister Sherwyn .	3	6	8	
Thomas James .	0	10	0	William Jalland .	1	0	0	
Richard Wright .	0	6	8	Maister Dringe .	3	6	8	
John Noden .	1	0	0	Richard Crampton .	1	0	0	35
William Leeson .	0	6	8	Thomas Wasters .	0	10	0	

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Christofer Allen .	0	6	8	John Spencer .	0	10	0
William Rawson .	1	10	0	Robert Godfry .	0	10	0
Maister Humfrey				William White .	0	10	0
Greaves .	0	6	8	George Rose, Senior .	0	6	8
5 John Astlyn .	1	5	0	George Rose, Junior .	0	6	8
Maister Edmund				John Colton .	0	6	8
Richards .	2	0	0	William Lealand .	0	15	0
Thomas Gelstropp .	0	10	0	Andrew Henson .	1	0	0

## BROADE MARSH.

10 William Cooke .	0	6	8	John Bayly .	1	0	0
Richard Moreland .	1	00	0	John Rawson .	1	0	0
Maister Bayly .	2	0	0				

## HIGH PAVEMENT.

Maister Garner .	2	0	0	William Burton .	0	10	0
15 Maister Hutchinson .	3	6	8	Maister Dyvall .	3	6	8
Christofer Foster .	1	0	0	Thomas Becke .	0	10	0
William Pickerd .	0	10	0	Widow Lupton .	0	6	8
Maister Breilsford .	2	10	0	Hugh Dobson .	0	6	8
Thomas Lupton .	1	0	0	Maister Laccocke .	5	0	0
20 Maister Pollard .	2	10	0	Captin Lomax .	1	0	0
Steven Holliman .	0	6	8	Mistris Rose .	1	0	0
William Crewe .	0	6	8	Maister Mathew			
Richard Burch .	0	6	8	Lacock .	1	0	0
Thomas Mathewe .	0	6	8	Maister Samuel Coates	2	0	0
25 Robert White .	1	0	0	Francis Wingfeild .	0	6	8
Maister Malin .	2	10	0	Mistris Groves .	0	6	8
Maister Alderman				John Debell .	0	6	8
Burton .	5	0	0	Thomas Burley .	0	6	8
Robert Burton .	1	0	0	Sergeant Boone .	1	0	0
30 James Towell .	0	10	0				

## SAINT MARIE'S CHURCHYARD.

Maister Richard				Maister Robert Greaves	1	0	0
Plumptrey .	4	0	0	Thomas Selby .	0	10	0

## SAINT MARIE'S GATE.

35 Burton Hynde .	0	6	8	Olliver Thorpe .	0	10	0
Maister Muxley .	3	0	0				

<sup>1</sup> 'Doctor Plumtrey' is here put down in the MS. for £3 6s. 8d., but the pen has been struck through the amount.

## WALSER GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
William Ashers .	1	0	0	Robert Alvy .	0	6	8
Maister Philip Lacock	3	6	8	John Richards .	0	6	8
Maister Foxe .	0	10	0	Widow Wilson .	1	0	0
Maister Pendocke .	1	0	0	John James .	0	10	0 5
Richard Jackson .	0	10	0	Widow Knight .	1	0	0

## LINBY LANE.

Maister Alderman				Colonell Pierepont <sup>1</sup> .			
Gregory .	5	0	0	William Jackson .	2	10	0

## BRIDLESMITH GATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Maister Collyshaw .	2	0	0	Maister Henry James	2	10	0
Thomas Abbott .	1	10	0	William Rooe .	0	15	0
Mist'ris Caldwell and				Steven Hill .	2	0	0
Mist'ris Clay .	0	10	0	John Wolly .	0	6	8
Maister Whitby .	2	0	0	John Barnes .	0	10	0 15
Bryan Gray .	1	0	0	Maister Alderman Nixe	5	0	0
Huntingdon Eyre .	1	0	0	Thomas Patchett .	0	10	0
Richard Jackson .	0	6	8	Widow Barnes .	0	6	8
Widow Hargrave .	0	6	8	Henry Spittlehouse and			
Maister Alsebrooke .	2	0	0	his mother-in-law	0	6	8 20
Maister Goodall .	2	0	0	William Yerwood .	1	0	0
Widow Lawnder .	0	6	8	Robert Perry .	1	0	0
Maister Abbott .	0	10	0	Maister Clarke .	2	10	0
Widow Jackson .	0	6	8	Widow Smyth and			
Thomas Champion .	0	6	8	her sonn .	0	10	0 25
Thomas Aldred .	0	6	8	Michael Briggs .	0	6	8
Maister Gamble .	3	6	8	Richard Hunt .	0	10	0
Maister Richards .	2	10	0	Maister Linley .	5	0	0
Adrian Cooke .	1	0	0	Mist'ris Saunders .	0	15	0
Widow Hodgkyn and <sup>1</sup>	1	0	0	Mist'ris Mary Lockoe	1	10	0 30
Joshua Hill .	1	10	0	Maister Robert Troope	0	6	8
Maister Elkyn .	1	10	0	George Bladen .	0	6	8
George Hall .	2	0	0	Robert Smyth .	1	0	0

## LISTER GATE.

Maister Fillingham .	2	0	0	Thomas Cooper .	1	0	0 35
William Wright .	0	10	0	Widow Rose .	0	6	8
Bryan Hall .	1	00	0	Michael Draper .	0	10	0
William Petty .	0	10	0				

<sup>1</sup> Blank in MS.

## VNDER YE CASTLE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
<i>Maister</i> Hall . . .	3	6	8	Widow Mitton to			
John Mitton . . .	2	0	0	Thomas <sup>1</sup> . . .	0	10	0
				Widow Mitton to <i>John</i> <sup>2</sup>	1	0	0

## 5 HUNGATE.

<i>Maister</i> Fearborne . . .	1	0	0	Burden ye weaver . . .	0	10	0
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## CASTLE GATE.

Richard Sherwin . . .	0	6	8	Edward Wright . . .	0	6	8
<i>Maister</i> Bainbrigge . . .	5	0	0	Richard Hudson . . .	0	6	8
10 <i>Maister</i> Rider . . .	3	6	8	Humfry Else . . .	0	10	0
James Rotheram . . .	0	10	0	Widow Wright . . .	0	6	8
Francis Hakesley . . .	0	10	0	William Wright . . .	0	6	8
John Hilton . . .	0	10	0	Thomas Burch . . .	1	0	0
Robert Verden . . .	0	10	0	Robert Nicholls . . .	0	6	8
15 Andrew Foster . . .	3	6	8	John Pye . . .	0	6	8
<i>Mistris</i> Egginton . . .	1	10	0	Hugh Hilton . . .	0	6	8
Widow Heiwood . . .	0	6	8	<i>John</i> Burrowes . . .	0	6	8
Brownloe Egginton . . .	1	0	0	Humfrey Hithershaw	1	0	0
Robert Egginton . . .	1	0	0				

## 20 LOWPAUEMENT.

<i>Maister</i> John Hutch- inson . . .	1	0	0	Thomas Winter . . .	0	10	0
<i>Maister</i> Robert Sher- wyn . . .	3	0	0	Henrie Wood . . .	0	06	8
25 William Knight . . .	0	6	8	Edward Medlam . . .	0	6	8
George Hoe . . .	0	6	8	John Smally . . .	0	15	0
William Ward . . .	0	10	0	Widow Stanfall . . .	1	0	0
<i>Maister</i> Parsons . . .	2	0	0	<i>Maister</i> Stevenson . . .	2	10	0
William Hall . . .	0	10	0	Thomas Barnes . . .	1	10	0
30 Steven Holmes . . .	1	0	0	William Hilton . . .	0	06	8
<i>Maister</i> Perkins . . .	2	0	0	Simon Poe . . .	1	0	0
Widow Gamble . . .	0	10	0	Patrick Coxo . . .	1	0	0
Samuel Wilde . . .	0	6	8	Edward Malyn . . .	0	6	8
				Samuel Baston . . .	0	6	8
				John Bonsall . . .	0	6	8

## PILCHERGATE.

35 <i>Mistris</i> Calton . . .	0	10	0	William Newcome, Junior . . .	0	6	8
Richard Earson . . .	0	10	0	William Clarke . . .	0	10	0
Thomas Radford, senior	0	6	8	Robert Broadhead . . .	0	15	0
John Radford . . .	0	6	8	John Collinson . . .	0	06	8
Edward Bradshaw . . .	0	6	8				

<sup>1</sup> i.e., Thomas Mitton's widow.<sup>2</sup> i.e., John Mitton's widow.

## FLETCHERGATE.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
George Walker . .	0	10	0	John Townroe . .	1	0	0
George Noden . .	0	6	8	Francis Shipman . .	0	10	0
William Smith . .	0	10	0	William Porter . .	1	0	0
William Richards . .	0	15	0	Robert Burrowes . .	1	00	0 5
Maister Barloe . .	1	0	0	Luke Dolphin . .	0	15	0
Maister Stevens . .	3	0	0	Thomas Robinson . .	1	0	0
Maister Lawrence Walker	2	10	0	Robert Tayler . .	0	15	0
Maister Randle Millner	3	6	8	Leonard Hallowes . .	0	6	8
Maister Allen . .	0	6	8	John Drewry . .	0	6	8 10
Robert Wood . .	0	10	0	Widow Lockoe . .	0	10	0
Edward Kitchyn . .	0	6	8	<sup>1</sup> Creswell . .	0	10	0

## SAINT PEETERS LANE.

Maister Clay . .	3	00	0	Robert Smith . .	0	6	8
Maister Maior . .	5	0	0	Richard Burrowes . .	0	6	8 15
Edward Richards . .	1	0	0	Robert Dodsley . .	0	10	0
Mistris Prockter and her sister . .	0	13	4	John Barker . .	0	10	0
Richard Paine . .	0	15	0	Robert Linley . .	0	15	0
Adam Paine . .	0	6	8	Samuel Barker . .	0	6	8
Thomas Twinberry . .	0	6	8	Edward White . .	1	0	0 20
Robert Saxton . .	0	15	0	Maister Mason . .	3	6	8
Widow Parke . .	1	00	0	William Grason . .	0	10	0
				Thomas Cowe . .	0	6	8

## WHEELERIGHTGATE.

Richard Greene . .	0	10	0	John Porter . .	2	00	0 25
William Passe . .	0	6	8	Jervas Dodsley . .	0	10	0
Jervas Burrowes . .	0	10	0	Maister Dodesley . .	3	0	0
William Elliott . .	1	0	0	Maister Chadwicke . .	3	6	8
Thomas Barnes . .	0	6	8	Robert and Richard Alvy . .	2	0	0 30
Richard Badge . .	0	6	8	Widow Hunt . .	0	6	8
Maister Smyth . .	2	10	0	Francis Cooke . .	1	0	0
Maister Turpin . .	3	0	0				
Thomas Porter . .	0	6	8				

## FRYER ROWE.

Mistris Streete . .	3	6	8	Mistris <sup>1</sup> her			35
Mistris <sup>1</sup> her daughter . .	1	0	0	daughter . .	1	0	0
				Mistris Cavendishe . .	1	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Blank in MS.

	li.	s.	d.		li.	s.	d.
Maister Ryly . . .	2	0	0	Widow Broome . . .	0	6	8
John Watson . . .	1	0	0	John Page . . .	0	10	0
Maister Pepper . . .	1	10	0	Maister Tomlyn . . .	2	0	0
Thomas Goodall . . .	0	6	8	Jeremiah Baker . . .	0	6	8
5 John Bell . . .	1	10	0	Maister Cornelius			
Maister Cooper . . .	2	10	0	Parker . . .	3	6	8
Mist'ris Walker . . .	1	0	0	Maister Combe . . .	2	0	0
Richard Plant . . .	0	15	0	Mist'ris Parker . . .	1	0	0
<b>TIMBER HILL.</b>							
10 Robert Petty . . .	1	0	0	Maister Jepson and			
William Caunte . . .	1	10	0	his mother . . .	3	0	0
William Huskinson . . .	0	6	8	Maister Hides and his			
Edward Evens . . .	0	6	8	daughter . . .	3	0	0
Thomas Baguley . . .	0	6	8	Thomas Greene . . .	1	0	0
15 John Wyer . . .	0	6	8	Robert Simons . . .	1	0	0
Maister Wingfeild . . .	2	10	0	Maister Burrowes . . .	4	0	0
				Thomas Hall . . .	0	10	0
				Jeremiah Forman . . .	2	0	0

**HEN CROSSE.**

20 Widow Clarke . . .	0	10	0	Maister Garland . . .	1	0	0
William Hardy . . .	1	0	0	William Hall, vintner	3	0	0
Mist'ris Martin . . .	3	0	0	Steven Wilcocks . . .	0	6	8
Maister John Martin . . .	3	0	0	Mist'ris Hynd . . .	0	6	8
William Hall, draper . . .	1	10	0	Maister Widoson . . .	1	0	0
25 Mist'ris Ann Martin . . .	1	0	0	John Heywood . . .	1	0	0
William Newcome . . .	0	15	0	John Patten . . .	0	6	8
Richard White . . .	0	6	8	Maister Woodward . . .	6	13	4
Maister John Parker . . .	2	10	0				

*Summa totalis*: besides <sup>1</sup> 540 li. 8s. 4d.

3417, fos. 31-45.

30 1643, August 25.

<sup>2</sup>Ytt is allsœ ordered thatt an assessment shalbe made thorough the wholl towne for the Repaire of the Bullwarkes, and allsœ for the fyndinge of lights and Coales for the nightgards, att the severall gards, vizt, everie one thatt fynds a wholl man to pay iiijd., and everie 35 halfeman ijd., and the same to be presently levyed.

Francis Fillingham hath agreed to fynde the Centrie att Leene Bridge Coales and Candles for ijd. a nighte. *Ib.*, fo. 52.

<sup>1</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 684.

1643, Monday, September 4.

<sup>1</sup>Maister Maior, Maister Gregorie, Maister Toplady, Maister Bate-  
man, [and] Maister Wolley went to the Committee to conferr with them  
aboute raisinge a troope of horse. *Ib.*, fo. 53.

1643, Tuesday, November 7.

John Parker, Thomas Huthwaite, and William Ryly were chosen  
of the Common Counsell in the steades and places of John Fillingham <sup>5</sup>  
and Adrian Garner (elected Chamberlins), and of John Ludlam,  
deceased; and ye said William Ryly was sworne then, and John  
Parker sworne 17 November 1643, and the said Thomas Huthwaite  
yet vnsworne, because hee is kept prisoner at Newarke, at the eleccion,  
and ever since.<sup>2</sup> 3418, fo. 15. 10

1643, Wednesday, November 15.<sup>3</sup>

*Alderman James, 60 li.*—Memorandum, that at a meetinge at the  
hall this day, many of the house beeing then present, and some  
absent, Maister Alderman James tendered vnto this house A certen  
certificat subscribed with the names of Maister James Chadwick,  
Maister John Hutchinson, Maister Charles White, Maister Joseph <sup>15</sup>  
Widmerpoole and Maister Thomas Salusbury, which certificat was  
made in theis words following, viz:—‘Wee whose names are here-  
vnder written, doe hereby certify that Alderman James, vpon the  
earnest request, and by the advice, of this Committee (vpon the motion  
of Maister Chadwicke, heareinge that hee had mony of the Towne’s in <sup>20</sup>  
his hands), did leand and disburse the some of Threescore pounds for  
the vse of the Lord Gray,<sup>4</sup> in the tyme of his necessity, and did not  
the same of his owne accord. As Witnes our hands this 25th of July  
1643;’ After the readinge of which certificat in the house, Maister  
Alderman James mooued the house to accept of the said certificat <sup>25</sup>  
for his discharge of the said lx. li. to the Towne.

But many of the house declared that they would not consent  
therevnto, and none declared theire assent thereto, any further then  
to receiue the said certificat, and keepe it. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 687.

<sup>2</sup> He was not sworn till the 14th August  
following.

<sup>3</sup> ‘Dic Mercurii, decimo septimo die  
Novembris, 1644,’ MS. (Wednesday, the

seventeenth day of November, 1644).  
Wednesday, however, was the 15th.

<sup>4</sup> Commander of the Parliament forces,  
afterwards superseded by Sir John  
Meldrum.

1643, Thursday, November 30.

*Saint Jone's close*.—Maister William Parker, Apothecary, paid to Maister James and Maister Turpin, Bridgemaisters, the some of xxxs. due for a yeare ended at Michaelmas last, for the rent of *Saint Jone's close*, and referred hymselfe to the house to haue what abatement  
5 should bee thought fitt by them therein in respect of his losse of the profitts thereof, by reason of the bulworks goeing through it, which the house will take into consideracion when the house is fuller.

*Ib.*, fo. 17.

1643, December 13.

<sup>1</sup> *Committee*.—This day, Captin White made this *proposicion* to this  
10 house, as from and by the direction and appointment of the Committee, That the house would choose some *certen* Townesmen to present any greevances of the towne vnto the Committee, and to receiue their answers therein, and alsoe to conferr and agree with the Committee for and in the behalfe of the good and safety of the Towne (that soe  
15 there might bee noe misvnderstandings nor ielosies betweene the Committee and the Towne, as heretofore there hath beene), concerninge the good and safety of the Towne in theis *presant* troblesome tymes of warr; But this house not beeinge full, and the matter concerninge all the Inhabitants of the Towne, aswell such as are not Burgesses as  
20 such as are Burgesses, This house did take tyme to consider thereof vntill Munday next, the xvij<sup>th</sup> day of this instant December 1643; And in the meantyme, All the cloathing<sup>2</sup> and counsell, and gentry, and others of the most sufficient Inhabitants of the *said* towne are to bee sommoned to appeare at the towne's hall by twelue of the clock  
25 on the same day, to consider and advise together about the same.

*Ib.*, fos. 19, 20.

1643, December 18.

<sup>3</sup> This day, this company and many others of the cloathing<sup>2</sup>, gentry, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the said town of Nottingham, beeinge mett together to consider of the *proposicion* made to this house on  
30 [Wednesday]<sup>4</sup> last the 13<sup>th</sup> day of this instant December 1643, from the Committee, by Captin White, as is before mencioned, Did agree of this vote and Desire vnderwritten, viz. :—

Committee :—Whereas the Committee of Parliament, now resident

<sup>1</sup> Bailey gives an abstract of this minute, vol. ii., p. 704.

<sup>2</sup> cloathing], 'cleathing,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> Also noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 704.

<sup>4</sup> Blank in MS.

at the Castle of Nottingham, hath heretofore mooued this house, That for A more free intercourse and better vnderstandinge to bee had in future betwixt the Governor of the said Castle<sup>1</sup> and Committee there, and the Inhabitants of this towne and County, The said Inhabitants would elect some particuler members thereof in assistance of their 5 Maior, and by them vpon all occasions to represent the greevances, state, and condicion of the said Towne, with their requests concerninge the same, vnto the said Governor and Committee, which mocion of theires this house well approoueinge of, It is this day by the Maior, Aldermen, Common Counsell, and other Inhabitants of the said Towne, 10 voted and desired that the Maior for the tyme beeing, together with Maister Alderman Gregory, Maister Alderman Hardmett, Maister Alderman Toplady, Maister Alderman Drewry, Maister Walter Edge, Maister John Mason, Maister William Clarke, and Maister Henry Sherwyn, all of the said Towne, or the Maior parte of them, from 15 tyme to tyme as occasions shall bee offered, may attend the said Governor and Committee to consult, treat, and advise with the said Governor and Committee for the publike safety of the said towne, and for such other things as in A martiall way may concerne it, And the said parties soe nominated are therevnto appointed and 20 Authorised by this house.

*Ib.*, fos. 21 and 22.

1643-4, Tuesday, January 23.

*Maister Millington, Thomas Barnes.*—<sup>2</sup>This Company hath borrowed of Thomas Barnes the some of Tenne pownds for to giue vnto *Maister Millington*, our Burgesse nowe in Parliament; and the said Thomas Barnes is to receiue it againe out of the Tolles due to the 25 Maior and Burgesses; And hee is to haue three shillings A weeke for hym selfe out of the same Tolles for all the tyme hee is in gatheringe vpp the said tenn pownds; And also to bee allowed all other charges that hee shalbee at in the needfull *procureinge* of helpe to gather the same; And shall giue an Accompt to the Maior thereof, 30 So often as hee shalbee called therevnto:

And it was further agreed by this company, that *Maister Maior* should receiue the said Tenn pownds into his hands (*which hee did*), and thatt hee should take order for the payment of the same to *Maister Millington*, as abouesaid.

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<sup>1</sup> Colonel Hutchinson.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 709.

*Maister Millington's Clerke*: and also that *Maister Maior* should pay *Maister Millington's clerke* xxs. 3418, fo. 23.

1644, Thursday, June 13.

*Maister Greaves' Mills*.—Itt is agreed by this company, that the malt mill in *Maister Robert Greaves* his possession, shall bee taken into the Town's hands, by reason of the present necessity the Towne hath of malt Mills, and because hee hath left the Towne, and noe lease can bee found thereof; And if hereafter it shall appeare that he haue A lease thereof in beeing, That then the Towne shall allow hym reasonable satisfaccion for the same, for soe long tyme as the towne doth hold it from hym. *Ib.*, fo. 28.

1644, August 13.

*Maister Burton*:<sup>1</sup> Question, whether *Robert Burton*, now one of the Aldermen of the town of *Nottingham*, bee fitt to continue an Alderman of the said Towne, or noe?

Resolved vpon the Question, that hee is not fitt to continue an Alderman, nor to weare the Robes, nor enioy the priuiledges of an Alderman, as appeares in the first page, and accordinge to the Resolution of the Committee, in the same words, as appeares vnder the hand of *Maister Ayscough*, then cheareman, by a note dated 13 Augusti 1644, annexed after this leafe.<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 33.

*Maister Gamble, Alderman*.—Question, whether *Maister Thomas Gamble*, now Coroner, shalbee an Alderman of the said Towne, in stead of the said *Maister Burton*, or noe?

Resolved vpon the Question, thatt hee shall (*et ad tunc fuit iuratus*)<sup>3</sup>, as appeares in the first page.<sup>4</sup>

*Maister Greaves*.—Question, if *Maister Robert Greaves* bee fitt to bee continued Towne Clerke, or noe?

Resolved vpon the Question, thatt hee is not fitt to bee continued Towne Clerke, nor to haue the priuiledges of that place; *per Majorem Aldermannos, et Consilium praedictos*.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 728.

<sup>2</sup> The following is a copy of the note referred to:— '13<sup>o</sup> August, 1644.

'Question, Whether *Robert Burton*, 'now one of the Aldermen of the Towne 'of *Nottingham*, be fitt to be continued an 'Alderman of the said Towne, or no?

'Resolved, vppon the Question, That 'he is not fitt to continue an Alderman;

'nor to weare the Robes of an Alderman; 'nor to enioy the Priuiledges of an Alderman. 'Edw. Ayscoghe,

'Cheareman in the Committee.'

<sup>3</sup> Translation: And then he was sworn.

<sup>4</sup> William Richards was elected Coroner in his place.

<sup>5</sup> Translation: By the Mayor, Aldermen, and Council aforesaid,

*IV. Flamstead, Clericus Villae.*<sup>1</sup>—Question, if William Flamstead bee fitt to be Towne Clerke in his roome or noe?

Resolved vpon the question that hee is fitt, and thatt hee shalbee Towne Clerke in stead of the said *Maister* Greaves (*et adtunc fuit juratus, per Majorem, Aldermannos et Consilium praedictos*).<sup>2</sup> 5

*Ib.*, fo. 31.

1644, September 27.

Question, if *Mistris* Greaves should haue any thinge allowed her, by way of Charity, for the maintenance of her selfe and her children, or noe?

Resolved vpon the question, that shee shall, and it is referred to *Maister* Alderman Gregory and *Maister* Alderman Drewry, to inquire and certify this house, at the next meetinge, what profitts *Mistris* Greaves hath and is likely to receiue forth of the estate reall or personall of her husband's. 10

*Ib.*, fo. 35.

1644, Tuesday, November 12, at *Maister* Salusburie's house. 15

<sup>3</sup>The counsell onely beeing sommoned by John Fish to appeare at *Maister* Salusburie's house at 5 of the clocke at night, to speake with *Maister* Basse, the Receiuer, to take some order about the Fee farme, behinde for 2 yeares ended at Michaelmas last, 1644, as the note in writeinge mencioned, by which hee had direccion to sommon the 20  
Counsell :

These 16 of the Counsell marked with '1'<sup>4</sup> appeared, and all voted and joyned in the certificat and petition ensueinge vnanimously, and they yat were absent consented and subscribed after, and then ye same with *Maister* Millington's letter (A copy of which certificat 25 and petition and draught of ye letter are annexed), were deliuered to *Maister* Receiver to deliver accordingly to the Committee of Revenue.

And the Counsell acknowledged this act of the Committee and *Maister* Millington, very thanckfully, as A great favor. 3419, fo. 13.

'Wee, the Committee of Parliament resident at Nottingham, doe 30  
'humbly certify to the honorable Committee for the Revenue, that as  
'concerninge the Fee farme Rents due for and within the Towne of  
'Nottingham, aswell from the Maior and Burgesses of the Towne as  
'from some other particuler Inhabitants, for small parcells lyinge

<sup>1</sup> Translation : Town Clerk.

<sup>2</sup> Translation : And then was he sworn,  
by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Council  
aforesaid.

<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 729.

<sup>4</sup> Their names are so marked in the  
Council Book.

'within the *precincts* or liberties of the Towne, they doe arise out of  
 such Tolls and other Royalties and *perquisitts*, and out of such other  
 'profitts as by reason of theis warrs haue almost wholly ceased, and  
 'could not bee receiued or enioyed, the rather because the said Towne  
 5 '(beeinge A Guarrison), hath beene *seuerall* tymes invaded, plundered,  
 'and impou~~er~~ished by the enemies of the Kinge and Parliament, and  
 'if any small sumes or profitts haue beene receiued, the same haue  
 'beene constantly imployed for the pub[li]que service of the Kinge  
 'and Parliament ever since the feast of Michael TharchAngell was  
 10 'twoo yeares, And wee doubt not but *your* honors wilbee pleased to  
 'take the *premises* into due consideracion, the rather because this  
 'Guarrison hath continually had and still hath many potent enemies  
 'round about the same, and hath never as yet receiued any monies  
 'from the Parliament for their subsistance or encouragement, and  
 15 'that their most humble suite vnto *your* honors is that all and every  
 'the said Inhabitants within this Towne may, by the order of that  
 'honorab<sup>le</sup> Committee, bee discharged from theire *seuerall* and re-  
 'spective fee farme Rents, due and ariseinge within the *precincts* of this  
 'Towne for the tyme past, and that none of them may bee charged  
 20 'or prejudiced for nonpayment of any of the said Rents since the said  
 'feaste of Michael, *which* was in the yeare of our Lord God 1642;  
 'And for the future they hope they shalbee able to pay what shall  
 'bee due, and will doe it with all chearefullnes, *which* noble favor, if  
 'your honors shall please to vouchsafe to this poore Garrison, it wilbee  
 25 'A very great encouragement to vs to contribute our best assistance  
 'in the Colleccion of all the great Rents in the County at large, to  
 'our vtmost powers.

' Given vnder our hands 12 November 1644.

' Subscribed by

30 ' Maister Maior.  
 ' Maister Chadwicke.  
 ' Maister Ayscough.  
 ' Maister Salusbury.

' Indorsed :—

35 'Wee, the common Counsell of the Towne of Nottingham, doe  
 'humbly ioyne in the Certificat of the *premises*, and doe most humbly  
 'petition this honorab<sup>le</sup> Committee for the Revenue, that their honors

'wilbee pleased to take the same *premises* into their favourable  
'consideracions, for the ease of this Garrison and corporacion.

'Subscribed by

'*Maister* Maior and all ye Councill.

'*Memorandum*, the originall of this certificat and 5  
'petition was sent by *Maister* Basse, the Receiuer,  
'together with A particuler letter to the said Committee  
'from Millington in that behalfe, the draught of which  
'[*'is herevnto annexed*].'

3419, fo. 15.

'*Right Honorable*,

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'I doe herewith humbly present vnto you A certificat from the  
'Committee of Parliament at Nottingham, together with an humble  
'petition of the Maior and common Councill of the Towne of Not-  
'tingham therevpon indorsed, makeinge knowne their humble suites,  
'vnto your honors, that, for ye reasons therein expressed, you will be 15  
'pleased to discharge the Maior and Burgesses of the said Towne of  
'Nottingham (with others therein expressed), from the payment of  
'the Areres of the fee farm Rent, for and within the said Towne, for  
'2 yeares ending at Michaelmas last past, In whose behalfe I also  
'presume to become A suitor to your honors at this tyme for the 20  
'obtaineinge of their said suite in the said Certificat and peticion in  
'that behalfe mencioned, And I doe the rather make bould to pray  
'your favourable consideracions for their ease and releefe in their  
'said suite, because I haue receiued very good testimony, not onely  
'of their Reality<sup>2</sup> and faithfullnes to the Parliament's cause, and good 25  
'of the State, and also of their great and deepe charges, expences,  
'and sufferings for the publique cause of the Kingdome, as in the said  
'Certificat is expressed, but also because the Parliament having a  
'great sence of their Pressures, haue longe since ordered that A  
'thowsand pounds should bee paid freely vnto them, which is yet 30  
'vnpaid, The favourable consideracion of all which, your petitioners  
'humbly pray may moue you to graunt their said suite, and so  
'prayeth also

'Your humble Servante,

'xij<sup>o</sup> November 1644.

'Gilbt. Millington.<sup>3</sup> 35

'To the right honorable the Committee of Revenue.' 3419, fo. 17.

<sup>1</sup> The leaf is worn away in this place.

<sup>2</sup> Reality = loyalty.

<sup>3</sup> The signature is, apparently, in a different hand from that of the body of the

The which beeing doone, the Committee, *scilicet*, Maister Maior, Maister Millington, Colonell Chadwick, Maister Ayscough and Maister Salusbury, mooued the Counsell to subscribe to A petition with A certificat therevnto to bee annexed, concerninge the diffrences  
 5 betweene the Gouvernor and Committee, which Certificat and petition, together with A copy of the Governor's demands, beeing read once over, and beeing longe and of great concernment to the Towne, some of the said Councell, *videlicet*, William Flamsteed, Maister Humfry Greaves, Maister [Henry] James, Maister [John] Tomlyn,  
 10 Maister [William] Ryly, and Maister [Richard] Reckles, (together also with Maister [Thomas] Wolly when hee was called in his place), desired tyme to consider and consult of the same, but that beeing denied, none of them, except Maister Wolly, did subscribe then to the same, for divers reasons then alledged.

15 But the rest of the Councell, *videlicet*, Maister [William] Parker, Coroner, Maister [Roger] Derbshire, Maister [Richard] Collishaw, Maister [Thomas] Cooke, Maister [Thomas] Malyn, Maister [William] Parker, Maister [Joseph] Wingfeild, and Thomas Greene did then sett their names to A faire sheete of paper, and after all was doone,  
 20 and the Councell comeing away, then did Maister Wolly sett his name to the same.

But the matter contained in the said petition, certificat, and demands is not entred here, because wee could not gett tyme then to consult and advise of and alsoe enter the same in the hall booke.

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3419, fos. 13-14.

1644, Thursday, November 14.

*Querie*, if the Counsell shall subscribe to this petition and certificat deliberately read and attested, or noe:—

This counsell haue voted that the petition and certificat now read shalbee subscribed as an act of the Councell.

30 The which petition and certificat are entred in the followinge leafe.<sup>1</sup>

3419, fo. 19.

draft of this letter, but it differs somewhat from Millington's known signature. It is, perhaps, worth remarking that his is the 44th signature to the warrant for the execution of Charles I., Colonel Hutchinson's being the 13th.

<sup>1</sup> This minute is cancelled, and the following underwritten:—

'13 October, 1646.

'This order and act is ordered and  
 'voted to bee cancelled, annihilated, and  
 'made void, *secundum ordinationem Con-*  
 '*silii intratam eodem die*: ('according to  
 'the order of Council entered on the same  
 'day'): *vide* ' (see) that order.'

‘<sup>1</sup>To the honorable Committee of both kingdoms.

‘The humble petition of the Inhabitants and others within the  
‘Towne and Garrison of Nottingham.

‘In all humility representinge,

‘That, Whereas since the ariseinge of theis vnhappy differences 5  
‘and dissentions now dependinge betweene the Governor and the  
‘Maior part of this Committee now resident at Nottingham, and  
‘their appeales to your honors for redresse of the same, wee haue  
‘beene credibly informed that some of the parties or *prosequutors*<sup>2</sup>  
‘*against* the Committee therein, the better to attaine their owne ends 10  
‘by castinge foule aspersions on the Committees heere, and thereby  
‘to blemish their Reputacions (*against* whom they never did nor  
‘wee conceiue iustly could, make any obieccion, till the Gouvernor  
‘began theis differences by his high demands), doe indeavour to make  
‘them contemptible to the Parliament, your honors, and all the world, 15  
‘soe to render them vnworthy of that trust wherein they haue so  
‘fully expressed their great integrity and faithfullnes in the accommo-  
‘dacion and *preservacion* of this Garrison and County, accordinge to  
‘their best powers (now allmost twoe yeares), notwithstandinge the  
‘incessant and stronge opposicions of all neighboringe and forraigne 20  
‘forces, which haue soe frequently made their incursions to this  
‘guarrison in the parts adiacent, And the *prosequutors* haue not  
‘onely aspersed the Committee in generall, sayinge that they had  
‘knaves amongst them, and one of the said parties vsinge theis words,  
‘“Lett me dye and *perishe*, Rott and starve, before I will ever comply 25  
‘with such knaues as are in the Committee at Nottingham,” but  
‘haue also vilified most of theis Committees in particuler, Taxinge  
‘one of them with intemperance in an high degree, an other that hee  
‘was A base, lyinge, cheatinge fellowe, an other thatt hee would haue  
‘beene on their side, but for his owne ends, an other with such 30  
‘indigency, that before theis tymes hee had not bread to put in his  
‘mouth, and was A Banckrupt, with other most reproachfull language  
‘published by them at London and Westminster, tendinge to the  
‘greate dishonor of the Parliament in placeinge such Committees in  
‘this Guarrison and County, and to the infinite disparagement of the 35

<sup>1</sup> The whole of the copy petition and certificate in the Council book is cancelled.

<sup>2</sup> This word was not unfrequently spelt

with two u's. See More's *Utopia*, old editions.

‘publique service in this County (beeinge soe vniuersally malignant  
 ‘as for the most *parte* itt is), as also to the great discouragement and  
 ‘disparagement of the *Committees* here, after their soe longe, soe  
 ‘faithfull and soe dangerous and pressinge services *which* they haue  
 5 ‘soe vndantedly and indefatigably struggled with and vndergone, to  
 ‘the vtmost hazard of their owne heathes, lives and fortunes, and the  
 ‘vtter destruccion of their posterities :

‘Our most humble suite and earnest desire, therefore, vnto your  
 ‘honors is, that you would bee pleased to continue A candid and  
 10 ‘favourable respect to those worthy *gentlemen* of the *Committee* now  
 ‘resident here and intended to bee thus blemished (as is aboue  
 ‘expressed), and that they may bee vindicated in their *Reputacions*,  
 ‘and the authors thereof punished (one of the *Committee* beinge A  
 ‘member of the house of *Commons* and sent downe by both howses of  
 15 ‘*Parliament* to compose the differences amongst vs, or to *certifye*,  
 ‘and that they may retaine their deserued good repute amongst your  
 ‘most wise and graue Councells, and that theis scandalous reproaches  
 ‘may haue noe credence nor acceptaunce with you, but bee supprest,  
 ‘for wee doubt not but tyme will soe cleare the *accions* and *proceed-*  
 20 ‘*ings* of this *Committee* that theis iniurious and malitious *Calumnies*  
 ‘will redound to their greater honor and advantage.

‘And wee shall ever pray, etc.’

‘To the honorable *Committee* of both kingdoms.

‘Wee, the subscribers of the *petition* herevnto annexed, doe  
 25 ‘humbly desire to *certifye* vnto your honors as followeth :—

‘1. That the *gentlemen* of the *Committee* here resident, vpon whom  
 ‘are vnderuedly cast most grosse and slanderous scandalls, since  
 ‘the differences in this *Guarrison*, by the Authors and *promoters*  
 ‘thereof, are very much iniured thereby, they haucinge, in our  
 30 ‘opinions, merited as much respect from the state as any employed in  
 ‘the like service, But are much discouraged thereby, and wee feare  
 ‘they will cease their sittings and *employment* in the publique service,  
 ‘if they bee not vindicated and receiue speedy *reparacion* in their  
 ‘*Reputacions*.

‘*i.e.*, hostile to the Puritan party.

'2. Wee are constrained to *certifye*, that if they shall desert vs, 'both this Guarrison and County will bee left A pray for the enraged 'enemy (of whose Tiranny wee haue beene soe sensible), and now 'they gape for an oportunity, hopeinge that theis vnhappy divisions 'will yeild them that advantage *which* otherwise they despaired of. 5

'3. That if theis *gentlemen* (becinge soe well experient in the 'affaires of the County), should now leave vs, there is not any well- 'affected (that wee know), who vnderstand the state thereof, or can 'proceed *with* such vigoure and successe as (through God's blessinge), 'they haue hitherto doone, but in *probability* all will growe to 10 'confusion.

'4. That though the Governor and his brother bee absent, (blessed 'bee God), this Guarrison hath beene and is in A quiett and happy 'condicion, and noe disobedience or refractorines in any officers or 'souldiers (that wee can *perceiue*), but all are chearefull, vnanimous, 15 'and diligent in their *seuerall* duties, saueinge such offences as haue 'proceeded from the factious party of the Castle.

'5. That, to our best Judgments, wee conceiue that the Govern- 'ment of the Committee and their Commands doe best suite *with* the 'condicion of this Garrison in Regard all the horse commanders and 20 'most of the foote now therein haue receiued their Commissions from 'them, and haue beene raised by them aswell horse as foote, and are 'paid and maintained by them, But many of them heretofore haue 'beene so discouraged and *provoked* by the impious commands and 'passionate and violent Carriage of the Governor, that they will 25 'rather lay downe their armes and quitt the Garrison then endure 'such slavery.

'6. That wee vnderstand some of *our* pious and conscionable 'ministers (here resideinge), by whose godly labours amongst vs this 'Garrison (without doubt), hath *prospered* much better then otherwise 30 'it could haue doone, and by whom *our* hearts haue been much 'supported in the midst of all distresses, yet by those parties and 'prosequutors aboue are most vncivilly vsed, and *with* Cavallier-like 'language abused, One beeinge called to his face, "proud preist," "'peevish preist," and "factious preist," haueing the lye given vnto 35 'hym, and A trencher offered to bee throne at his head, an other that 'his preaching is factious; wee can not but iustify them both to bee 'Orthodox, painfull, and profitable preachers, who are not inclined to 'faction, but doe wholly endeavour to *preserve* peace and vnity in this

'Guarrison, and by whom wee and many others haue receiued much  
'comfort.

7. That it is apparent to vs that the subscribers of A late petition  
'exhibited by the Inhabitants of this Towne vnto *your honors* (with  
5 'A Remonstrance therevnto annexed), *which* subscribers consisted of  
'the Maior, sundry of the Aldermen, the sheriffs, and about 30 others  
'of the Gentry and neighbors of the Country here resideinge, and of  
'the better ranck of the said Inhabitants, are by some of the *parties*  
'now attendinge on that *Honorable Committee* tearmed grand malig-  
10 'nants, wee can not but take it as A great abuse and scandall to *our*  
'selues and the whole Corporacion, who haue beene at such charge  
'and paines twice to fortify this Towne, to maintaine the workes, and  
'in our owne *persons* to mann and defend them, All which wee haue  
'soe doone for the good of this Garrison, cheifely by the advice of the  
15 'Committee, for the honor and respect wee haue allwaies borne and  
'yeilded to them and their *commands*, and *which* wee shall still faith-  
'fully endeavour, to the hazard of *our* liues, for the service of the  
'Kinge and *Parliament*, And cannott doubt but *your honors'* wisdome  
'and iustice will vindicate *our* integrity and fidelity with the condign  
20 'punishment of the authors, else many of vs are resolued to leave *our*  
'habitations, and seeke harbour where wee may bee better esteemed.

8. That haueinge thus *certified*, *our* ioynt and humble suite to  
'*your honors* is, that (since *our Committees* are scandalized in soe vile  
'A manner, and threatened by those who desire power to execute  
25 'their purposes,—as wee conceive,—and soe discouradged as that they  
'are weary of this service, if they may not bee vindicated and *proceede*  
'peaceably therein, Our *Commanders* and soldiers haue resolued to  
'lay downe their armes rather then endure such slavery and high  
'comands; Our ministers reproached with pride, peevis[h]nes and  
30 'faction, because they comply not with those *prosecutors*, and *our-*  
'selues calumniated with knavery and malignancy), wee may all  
'receiue releefe and reparacion by *your noblenes* and Justice, to which  
'wee appeale: And *our* further humble suite is, that the *government*  
'of this garrison may bee fully and speedely settled in this *Committee*,  
35 'that wee may goe on in this great service with safety and cheare-  
'fullnes, that soe all imminent dangers now feared may bee diverted,  
'and the enemies' expectacions bee frustrated, and the rather because  
'the Governor beeing lately desired by A *commander* of this Garrison  
'(then at *Westminster*), that some care might bee taken for the poore

'Towne of Nottingham, hee answered, hee did not care for the towne, 'and therefore wee humbly conceiue hym not fitt to bee trusted with 'the Towne who soe little Regards it. All which wee referr to your 'honors' wisdom, and wee most humbly beseech your speedy deter-  
'minacions therein, without which this Garrison can noe longer 5  
'subsist.'<sup>1</sup> 3419, fos. 20-23.

1644, Thursday, December 5.

*Tolls.*—This Companie do lett vnto Maisters Sheriffes (Maister [Thomas] Smyth and Maister [William] Bayly), All manner of such Tolls as they haue taken since Michaelmas last, ariseinge and groeing within the liberties of this Towne, and at Lenton : 10

The Cheife Rents and Newarke and Everton Tolle, Stallages and oatemeale excepted :

To hould the same, except before excepted, till Michaelmas next, together with the monies allready by them receiued for the said tolls, to their owne vse. 15

The said sheriffes payinge for the same forty pownds, *scilicet*, xx. li. at Lady-day next and xx. li. at Michaelmas next :

And it is agreed betweene all parties, that if any question arise concerninge this order, or the tolls demised, that then this house shall explaine theire meaneinge concerninge the same, and settle the said 20 question or difference, and all parties to stand to the order of this house therein. 3419, fo. 25.

XCI.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1644-5.

*Necessarie Expenses.*

*Item*, given by Maister Maior to the bulworke folks to drinke : iij.s. iiijd.

*Item*, for plowing sodds for the works : vs. 25

*Item*, for Colers giuen to Colonell Rossiter's souldiers : iij. li. xiiij.s. xd. 1647, fo. 3.

*Item*, paid to Richard Smith for roundheads for the towne : v. li. *Ib.*, fo. 4.

<sup>1</sup> Below this entry is the following minute : 'This was Cancelled by order of

the house made 13 October, 1646 ; see that order for it.'

*Item*, for remoueing the roundheads into the armerie : xijd.

*Item*, paid John Morres for watching and keepeing visited people out of the Towne : xvijs. *Ib*, fo. 5.

*Presents and Rewards.*

5 *Inprimis*, wyne giuen to Commanders by Maister Maior : xjs.

*Item*, wyne presented to Scotch Commanders and ministers : xxxvs. jxd.

*Item*, wyne presented to Colonell Rositer, and other Commanders, at seuerall times : xxxijs. jd.

10 *Item*, for wyne presented to ye gouernor and other gentlemen : xjs.

*Item*, presented to Maior<sup>1</sup> Meldram and other prisoners at Newarke : v. li.

*Item*, for wyne beestowed on Darbie Captaines : xxs. vijd.

*Ib*, fo. 7.

XCII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1644-5, Friday, February 14.

15 <sup>2</sup>vj. li. Toll: iiij. li. Lenton Toll: Maister Millington.—Maister Maior haueinge in his hands, vpon Thomas Barnes his accompt, for the Tolls j<sup>o</sup> August, 1644, the some of vj. li., and haueinge receiued since of Alderman Gregory for Lenton Tolle iiij. li. for 2 yeares last past, *in toto* x. li., Hee paid the same, as is euident, by consent of  
20 some of his breethren and others, vnto Maister Millington, when hee was here.

Maister Millington.—This Company haue this day ordered and voted that Maister Millington shall haue x. li. more sent hym vpp, which Maister Maior is to receiue of the Chamberlins, and to send it  
25 or retorne it to hym speedily; and also to desire of Maister Millington, if hee please, to send downe his writt for his fees, that soe such as are not his freinds might not escape, but may pay some, and not all to goe out of the Towne's stocke; and also to desire hym, if hee can, to procure an abatement of the areres of the excise, accord-  
30 ing to his kind offer in his letter to Maister Maior. 3419, fo. 30.

<sup>1</sup> Maior=Major.

<sup>2</sup> The various sums paid to Millington are noticed by Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 709 and 730. Millington was at this time engaged in London, in carrying on an inquiry,

'almost,' as Bailey expresses it, 'amounting to a prosecution,' against Colonel Hutchinson. Ten pounds were given to Millington, and one pound to his man for 'viewing' cloth on 4th February, 1645.

1644-5, Friday, February 21.

<sup>1</sup>*Fishing in Trent: Clarke*.—This company doe lett to William Clarke, of       <sup>2</sup> the fishing in the Trent, both aboue and beloe the bridges, to hold from Candlemas<sup>3</sup> last for A yeare, payinge xs. *per annum* at Lammas<sup>4</sup> next, provided that hee lett *Maister* Steven Hall haue fishing there as hee vseth to haue, giueing hym resonable allowance. 3419, fo. 31.

1644-5, Friday, March 21.

*Assessment*.—Vpon mocion of the Committee and Towne's Captins, Resolued vpon the question, *nullo contradicente*<sup>5</sup> (*praeter*<sup>6</sup> Alderman Drewry), that it is fittinge that A weekly assessment bee made vpon the able Inhabitants within this garrison, for the necessary releefe of 15 the poorer sort of souldiers that are volunteers, and doe dutie for defence of the garrison.

*Listinge*.—This company doe desire and request of the Committee that all men that inhabitt within this garrison of the Towne of Nottingham, and that are able in *person* to beare armes, may bee 15 brought in and listed, and beare armes, and performe duties as other inhabitants doe, for defence of this garrison and Towne of Nottingham, and that there may bee no fauor nor *partiality* shewed to any person therein.

Resolued on ye question (*nullo contradicente*<sup>7</sup>), that this request 20 shalbee presented to the Committee. *Ib.*, fo. 32.

1645, May 31.

<sup>8</sup>*Towne's Writeings*.—Question, if the Charters, Leases, and Towne's writeings should bee secured in the Castle in theis tymes of danger :

Resolued vpon the question, *nullo contradicente*,<sup>9</sup> yat the same 25 shalbee secured in the Castle in theis tymes of danger.

*Recorder*.—Question, if *Maister* James Chadwick, Esquire, shalbee desired to continue to execute ye place of ye Recorder of this Towne in the same power yat now hee doth ?

Resolued vpon ye question, *nullo contradicente*,<sup>9</sup> yat hee shalbee 30

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730.

<sup>2</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>3</sup> February 2.

<sup>4</sup> The first of August.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation*: except.

<sup>7</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

<sup>8</sup> Noticed by Bailey under year 1644, vol. ii., p. 729.

<sup>9</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

desired and requested to execute the place of ye Recorder of this Towne in the same power yat now hee doth.

And therevpon hee presently drew a note and subscribed it with his hand *in hæc verba*:<sup>1</sup>—

5 ‘*Villa Nottinghamiac*:<sup>2</sup> I doe promise to execute the place of ‘Recorder of the Towne of Nottingham (as Recorder), vntill the right ‘honorable the Lord of Clare shall, at his instance, procure ye Charter ‘of the Towne of Nottingham to bee renewed, and power therein to ‘bee granted to make and sweare A deputy Recorder,<sup>3</sup> and that  
10 ‘either Maister Millington constantly<sup>4</sup> leaue the Parliament, or that ‘this Parliament doe ende; And then I desire to bee disaburdened of ‘that service, and dischargd of my promise.

‘per me<sup>5</sup> Ja. Chadwicke.

‘31 Maij 1645.

*vera copia*.<sup>6</sup>

3419, fo. 35.

1645, Friday, June 6.

*Wood feld*.—It is this day voted and ordered by this company (*nullo contradicente*<sup>7</sup>), that as many trees and as much crooked wood and fire woode in the Coppies shalbee speedily cutt downe, and the wood and barke thereof sold, as will raise forty pownds or thereabouts,  
20 and the monie to bee made thereof to bee paid to the Chamberlins towards the defrayinge the great charges the Towne hath lately beene at about the Bullworke and other such like things, and Maister Maior, Maister Alderman Drewry, Maister Alderman Gamble, the Chamberlins and ye Bridgmaisters, Maister Wolly, Maister Cooper,  
25 and Maister Turpin, and who else they thinck fitt to imploy, are desired to see the same doone accordingly, and to marke and sett out and sell the said wood and barke. *Ib*, fo. 37.

1645, August 4.

*Mace*.—Voted by this Company that it is fitt the Towne should buy Maister Recorder’s mace:

30 Voted likewise that the Towne shall pay Maister Recorder for the said Mace sixty pownds, before Michaelmas next, the mace haueinge cost hym 64 li., and hee beeinge willinge to abate the 4 li.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: in these words.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: Town of Nottingham.

<sup>3</sup> The power was given by the Charter of Charles II.

<sup>4</sup> constantly = certainly.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: by me. Chadwick’s own signature is appended.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation*: true copy.

<sup>7</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

Mace paid for : *vide* 12 *Septembris* 1645.

*Mistris Millington*.—Voted that the Chamberlins shall present *Mistris* Millington with five powns this weeke from ye Towne, as a Toaken of their respects to her.

*Maister Millington : Tolls*.—Voted that *Maister* Maior shall send 5 to and present *Maister* Millington with xx.li., and his man xxs., which xxj.li. *Maister* Maior thus receiueth againe : x.li. of the Bridgmaisters, x.li. of ye Sheriffes for ye Tolls, and xxs. of the Chamberlins. 3419, fo. 38.

1645, September 3.

<sup>1</sup> *Maister Mason*.—This Company are agreed (*nullo contradicente*),<sup>2</sup> 10 that Captin Mason shall bee sworne burges, freely, payinge nothinge for the same (it to bee noe *preiudice* nor example for the future, to any other), for theis reasons : Because

1. He is Captin of many Townsemen, volunteers for defence of the Towne, and hath performed yat place faithfully, with great 15 paines and charg.

2. Hee is of the Committee, and therein hath [done] and may doe the Towne good service.

3. Hee is of noe trade or ocupacion, manuall or other, that will hinder or *preiudice* any former burges in any respect, neither will hee 20 (if any occation bee), hinder, but doe what hee can for, the good of the Corporacion and the members of it.

Captin Mason was this day sent for and sworne burges (accordinge to the former vote this day), before this Company.

*Streetes*.—Voted (*nullo contradicente*),<sup>2</sup> that there shalbee five 25 pound paid out of the townes stock towards the clenseinge of the streetes, yf that the Committee will giue five pound more towards the same ; the same beeing occasioned by the horse quarters.

*Ib.*, fo. 42.

1645, September 12.

*Fyne : Mace*.—Threescore pound of this c. li. fyne was paid this 30 day to the Schoolewarden,<sup>3</sup> *Maister* Malyn ; and hee paid it then to *Maister* Maior, and *Maister* Maior paid it then to *Maister* Recorder for his Mace, accordinge to ye agreement of this house made for the same, 16 July 1645. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation* : no one contradicting.

<sup>3</sup> *Schoolewarden*]; ‘*Schoolewardens*,’ MS.

*Clarke of ye Statutes*.—This company haueinge formerly sent vpp  
A certificat of the absence of Maister Greaves, clerke of the statutes,  
receaved one writt *de Clerico ad Statuta amovendo*,<sup>1</sup> and another writt  
*de clerico ad statuta eligendo*; <sup>2</sup> both which writts were allowed before  
5 this Company.

And therevpon this company voted (*nullo contradicente*<sup>3</sup>), that  
Maister Greaves shalbee amoued and displaced, and by this vote  
they doe amouue and displace hym from beeing Clerk of the  
Statutes in this towne; *secundum exigentia brevis de clerico ad statuta*  
10 *amouendo*.<sup>4</sup>

And after that this company therevpon voted (*nullo contradicente*<sup>3</sup>)  
that Maister William Flamsteed should bee Clarke of the Statutes,  
in the place and stead of the said Maister Greaves, for the said  
Towne, and the said company, by this thier voate, doe choose the said  
15 Maister Flamsteed clerke of the statutes there, and doe vote that hee  
shalbee so certified vnder the Towne's seale, *secundum exigentia brevis*  
*de clerico ad statuta eligendo*.<sup>5</sup>

The which said twoe writts are entred *verbatim*, as followeth in  
the next leafe.<sup>6</sup>

3419, fo. 44.

1645, September 22.

20 *Certificate de Clerico statutorum*.—This day also before this com-  
pany was sealed the Certificat or retrvne of the writt *de clerico ad*  
*statuta eligendo*,<sup>7</sup> wherein William Flamsteed, gentleman, is certified  
and retrvned to bee elected in the place of Robert Greaves, gentle-  
man, to haue the keeping of the lesser parte of the seale for the  
25 statutes, *secundum exigentia brevis de clerico ad statuta eligendo*<sup>8</sup>  
before mencioned, 12 September *ultimi*.

*Ib.*, fo. 49.

1645, September 24.

*Maister Topladye*.—Vpon severall questions and debates concern-  
inge Alderman Topladye, after hee was nominated Maior, This  
question was stated :—

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: For removing the Clerk to the Statutes.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: For electing a Clerk to the Statutes.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: According to the requirements of the writ for removing the Clerk to the Statutes.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: According to the de-

mands of the writ for electing a Clerk to the Statutes.

<sup>6</sup> See pp. 26-29 for copies of these writs.

<sup>7</sup> *Translation*: For electing a Clerk to the Statutes.

<sup>8</sup> *Translation*: According to the requirements of the writ for electing a Clerk to the Statutes.

*Question*, Whether the said Alderman bee guilty of any delinquency or malignancy (for any thinge that hath appeared or doth appeare to this house), since hee tooke the *protestacion* and nationall Covenant, and since the publicacion of the declaracion of both kingdomes, or not?

*Resolved*:—Resolved and voted in the negatiue, that hee is not guilty (as in the question is demanded), *nullo contradicente*.<sup>1</sup>

And therevpon *Maister* Topladye, before this Companye, did relinquish and waue the former voate and nominacion (of hym to bee Maior for the next yeare), and desired to bee spared from that place without any fyne or *preiudice* to hym, and that this company would *proceede* to nominate an other to bee Maior for the said yeare.

All which this Companye condiscended vnto, and graunted *nullo contradicente*,<sup>1</sup> and *proceeded* to A new nominacion.<sup>2</sup> 3419, fo. 47.

1645, September 26.

*Alderman Drewry v. li. Harrison's v. li. of Maister Staples'* 15 *money*.—It is agreed and voted that Alderman Drewry (vpon his petition preferred to this company this daye), shall haue fve pound paid and allowed hym for the charges hee was put to in goinge to Yorke (becinge Deputy Maior for Alderman James), for not *proclaimeinge* the Earle of Essex<sup>3</sup> Traitor vpon the King's *proclama-* 20 *cion* sent to hym; this mony to bee paid when hee paieth the remainder of his fyne to the Schoole Wardens, hee getting in v. li. due from Richard Harrison to the Towne, parte of *Maister Staples* his guifte, and takeing yat for his v. li., and *Maister Malyn*, Schoolewarden, vpon receipt of the remainder of the said fyne, payinge 25 5 li., to bee putt forth as *Maister Staples'* monye. *Ib.*, fo. 52.

1645, November 19.

*Receiuer: Fee farme*.—Maior Basse, the Receiuer, demandinge 191 li. 8s. 3d., for the areares of the fee farme for 3 yeares ended at Michaelmas last, and haucinge receiued an answer the last tyme hee was here, this company gaue hym the same answer againe, and hee 30 sayeing that hee thought that answer would not satisfye the Committee of Revenue, It is left to *Maister Recorder* to confer with hym and the Committee about it, because the Committee claime the same as graunted to them by ordinance of Parliament. 3420, fo. 17.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

<sup>2</sup> Alderman Gamble was nominated Mayor in his stead,

<sup>3</sup> The Parliamentary General before Cromwell.

1645, November 23.

*Governor*.<sup>1</sup>—Question if the Governor (Colonel John Hutchinson), shalbee sworne Burges, payinge his x. li.?

Resolved vpon the Question (*nullo contradicente*<sup>2</sup>) that hee shall, and therevpon hee, beeing then at the hall, was sworne and sent for, 5 and paid x. li. accordingly.

Question, how this x. li. shalbee disposed of?

Resolved, vpon the question, *nullo contradicente*,<sup>2</sup> that it shalbee giuen hym againe, and his burgesship giuen, (and this to bee noe president<sup>3</sup> nor example), 1, because the company desired hym to 10 accept of it, 2, because hee is not of any trade or profession to hinder any other Burgesses. 3<sup>ly</sup>, because hee hath doone faithfull and good service in his place to the State and garrison;

5 *li. poore*.—His x. li. beeing giuen hym againe, in thanckfullnes hee gaue 5 li. of it to ye poore, whereof 50s. was deliuered to Maister 15 Hooton for Marie's parish, and 50s. to Maister H. James for the other 2 parishes: gaue company xs. to drinke. 3420, fo. 18.

1645, December 22.

*C. li. pro volunteers*.—It is agreed and graunted by this company, that there shalbee an hundred pounds raised for the contenteing of the poorer sort of soldiers and officers of the voluntere companie; 20 the Committee subscribeinge the note<sup>4</sup> drawne concerninge the same as it is enterlined, which is annexed or filed. And the said c. li. to bee thus raised for the present, so yat the Towne's Stocke bee after made good againe, *videlicet*,

	li.	s.	d.
<i>Lord Chaworth: monye</i> .—forth of the mony in Alderman			
25 James his hand of my Lord Chaworth's giuft .	60	00	0
from the Bridgemaisters . . . . .	10	00	0
from the Chamberlins . . . . .	10	00	0
borrowed of ye Excise, which is promised by note vnder			
Maister Maior's hand, and Alderman Gregorye's			
30 and Alderman Drewrie's, to bee repaid out of ye			
first monies received by assessment in ye Towne			
for ye said soldiers . . . . .	20	00	0
<i>Summa</i> . . . . .	100	00	00

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730.<sup>2</sup> Translation: no one contradicting.<sup>3</sup> president = precedent.<sup>4</sup> 'note' is repeated in MS.

7 to see it distributed.—Agreed yat theis 7, Maister [Randall] Millner, Maister [Joseph] Wingfeild, Maister [William] Bayly, Marshall Smyth, Maister [John] Reckles, Maister [Richard] Hides and Maister [Thomas] Malyn shall joyne with the Towne's Captines to see the same diuided and distributed accordingly. 3420, fo. 19. 5

1645, December 26.

<sup>1</sup>*Jackson and Hewood*.—Maister Thomas Jackson informeth this Companye that John Hewood did tell this informant and others, that Sir Richard Byron had promised hym A lease of the Copies, if that the Kinge gott the better, and also of Saint Anne Well, and that this is true hee hath subscribed his hande.<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 21. 10

1645-6, February 4.

*Colonel Chadwicke*.—Resolved vpon the Question, that Colonel Chadwicke shall haue the vj. li. *per annum* (ouer and aboue the Recorder's ancient fee as Maister Fletcher hadd, whilst hee executed the office of Recorder here); and alsoe that hee shall haue the iiij. li. (beinge the said auntient fee), untill that my Lord of Clare or some 15 other by authority from hym doe demand the same: other his desires respited till he come. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1645-6, February 27.

<sup>3</sup>*Petition: Committee: pro Wood*.—A petition is to bee drawne and presented to the Committee to haue licence and power from the Committee to fell and take certen<sup>4</sup> Ashes (standeing in the Trent), 20 of Sir Jervas Clifton's, against Clifton, to make railes to fence the Trent Closes which were destroyed for safety of the guarrison at the bridges:

And alsoe for to haue Maister Draper's timber at Flintham, or some other delinquent's wood, towards the repaire of the bridges 25 which were pulled in peeces by the enemy. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

1646, May 26.

*Fee farme*.—Resolved, yat it is fitt Maister Maior and some of ye Aldermen and the present Sheriffe doe goe to Maior<sup>5</sup> Basse, the

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730.

<sup>2</sup> The initials 'T. J.' appear at the foot of this minute, probably in Jackson's hand.

<sup>3</sup> Quoted inaccurately by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 730, year 1645.

<sup>4</sup> 'c'ten Ashes,' MS. Bailey has 'ten ash-trees,' having apparently been misled by the contraction.

<sup>5</sup> Maior = Major.

Receiuer, and doe pay hym one halfe of the fee farme for the halfe yeare ended at Lady Day last, *which* money the Sheriffs haue redy, and that they treate and deale with hym for further tyme for former areares, vpon the Reasons Colonell Chadwick formerly drewe.

5 3420, fo. 28.

<sup>1</sup> *Sicknes: visits*.—Resolved that all the Constables in the Towne shalbee sent vnto, and required to desire all persons in theire seuerall Decinaries to bee very carefull whom they goe to visite in sicknes, and to bee spareinge therein and in goeing to funeralls, for feare of  
10 the sicknes.

*Swine*.—Ordered that the Bellman bee sent to require all persons to keepe vpp theire swine from goeing abroad, for feare of the infeccion, on paine of xijd. A peece pinshippe.<sup>2</sup>

*Toppes of Trees: Hutts*.—Ordered that John Hewood shall not  
15 haue the toppes of the trees feld or standinge in the woods, and that the toppes of the trees to bee feld for the vse of the Bridges shalbee brought to his house, and there kept to make hutts for people infected, or suspected to bee infected, with the plague, and for other vses for the Towne.

20 And that John Hewood shall bee called to accompt for the Topps hee hath taken or feld.

*Lecture*.—Resolved and agreed vpon, that the lecture bee desired to bee kept vpp and continued one weeke at one church, and an other weeke at the other Church,<sup>3</sup> and the minister that preacheth to  
25 haue his ordinary for yat day paid for, and A quart of sacke giuen hym forth<sup>4</sup> of the parish stocks; and one weeke by one parish, and the other weeke by the other parishes, and the same paid for by the respectiue Churchwardens accordinglye. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

1646, August 14.

<sup>5</sup> *Wood disfranchised*.—Resolved vpon the question (*nullo con-*  
30 *tradicente*<sup>6</sup>), and ordered and agreed by this company, that Richard Wood shalbee disfranchised, and hereby is disfranchised from beeing A Burges of this Towne, and enioyeinge any profitts, rights or priuiledges as A Burges of the said Towne, for that hee hath beene vnfaithfull to this Corporacion, and done and acted contrary to his

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 768.

<sup>4</sup> forth = out.

<sup>2</sup> Pinship = mulct for penning strayed swine.

<sup>5</sup> This and the following are noticed generally in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 765.

<sup>3</sup> St. Mary's and St. Peter's.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

dutye and trust as A Burges of the said Towne, and against the publick good of this corporacion, and contrary to his burges oath.

In that, that hee departed out of this Towne in or before September, 1643, without licence, and soe liued out of the said towne for twoo yeares after (against the order of this Counsell), and in the enemies' guarrisons and quarters at Newarke, and ioyned with them and aided and assisted them against this Towne in acts of hostility.<sup>1</sup>

*R. Feilds, Broodhead, disfranchised.*—Resolved, and voted and ordered the like against Richard Feilds and William Broodhead severally, In that, that they did the like, and alsoe did beare armes against the Parliament and State, and against this Towne, as officers, amongst the comon enemies at Newarke, and came amongst them in September, 1643, and<sup>2</sup> 1644, and entred into this Towne, and acted against the Burgesses and inhabitants thereof, in an hostile manner, amongst the said enemies, who plundered and attempted to haue burned the said Towne.

*Brightman disfranchised.*—Resolved, and voted and ordered the like against Richard Brightman, In that, that hee departed the Towne and liued twoo yeares and more forth<sup>3</sup> of the same, contrary to the said order, and bare armes dureing that tyme, and acted as A soldier amongst the Comon enemies of the kingdom<sup>4</sup> against this Towne, and was A Captin At Wyverton, and some tyme had the gouernment of the enemies' garrison there. 3420, fo. 32.

1646, September 9.

*Maister Greaues.*—Maister Greaues appeared vpon somons, and beeing examined vpon some questions concerninge his beeing at Newarke, and his lueing there:

Confessed, that when the kinge was there, hee was imployed to oversee the workes, and receiued xs. for A weeke's pay for the same, for one weeke; but denieth hee either boare Armes, or trailed a pike there.

The matter concerning his disfranchiseing was deferred, because the witnesses<sup>5</sup> to prooue his beaeringe of Armes there, and other acts, are not yet produced. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

<sup>1</sup> The word 'pronounced' is written in the margin at the foot of this and the two following minutes.

<sup>2</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>3</sup> forth=out.

<sup>4</sup> kingdom,] 'kingdon,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> witnesses,] 'witnes,' MS.

*B. Hynde*.—Resolved vpon the question (*nullo contradicente*<sup>1</sup>), and it is ordered and agreed by the company, that Burton Hynde shalbee disfranchised, and hereby is disfranchised from beeing A Burgesse of this towne and enioyinge any *profitts*, rights, or privileges as A Burges of the said Towne, for thatt hee hath beene vnfaithfull to this Corporacion, and doone and acted contrary to his duty and trust as a Burges of the said Towne, and against the publick good of this Corporacion, and contrary to his Burgesse oathe, In that, that hee departed out of this Towne on or before September, 1643, and soe liued out of this Towne without licence for 2 yeares after and more, contrary to the order of the Counsell, and liued at Newarke, in the Enemies' garrison there, dureinge that tyme, and was A listed soldier, and in armes there *against* the Parliament and this Towne, and was an vnder Marshall there, and came in 15 armes *against* the towne, and entred the towne in armes with the said comon enemies twice, who plundered the said Towne, and attempted to haue fired it.<sup>2</sup>

3420, fos. 35-6.

1646, September 16.

*Faire*.<sup>3</sup>—Voted and ordered generally that the goose fair shalbee wholly cryed downe, and *proclamacion* to bee sent to *markett* townes 20 to forbidde the people to come to it, by reason of the sicknes in the Cuntry, and to *prevent* danger to the Towne, through God's mercies.<sup>4</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 37.

1646, September 23.

*Maister Greaves*.—Resolved by all present, and<sup>5</sup> agreed vpon and thought fitt that *Maister* Robert Greaves should be disfranchised, 25 vpon the grounds and causes already appeareinge by his owne confession, and testimony of others; but because that many are absent that hee may expect freindshipp from, and because some other things will bee made appeare which yet are not, therefore it is not [to] bee *pronounced*, nor declared, vntill next meetinge. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.<sup>2</sup> William Morris and Robert Wood were also disfranchised on similar grounds at the same time.<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 768.<sup>4</sup> The Sheriffs, Messrs. Fillingham and Garner, were subsequently allowed xls. for 'their losses in respect of the Company's putting down the fair.'<sup>5</sup> 'and' repeated in MS.

1646, October 13.

<sup>1</sup>Governor this day gaue licence to haue the works taken from the bridges, that are dangerous to bee<sup>2</sup> hurtfull to the bridges.

This Company desire the Governor to take of<sup>3</sup> the guards from the Towne because<sup>4</sup>

3421, fo. 27.

*Maister Leake.*—This company are desirous to augment *Maister* 5 *Leake* his yearly fee, the Schoolemaister (the Governor mooueing it this day), and it is referred to *Maister Leake* whether hee will haue it in monie, or haue the 2 Ladies' closes (that *Maister Sergeant Boone* held and *Maister Greaves*), at some small yearly rent.

*Order to be cancelled inter Governor and Committee.*—Resolued 10 and agreed vpon by this Company (*nullo contradicente*<sup>5</sup>), that the entrie of the petition and remonstrance concerning the difference and clashing betweene the Governor and Committee, and entred 14 *die Novembris*, 1644, in *Maister Nix's* Maior's yeare, shall bee cancelled, annihilated and made voide, as altogether vnfit to stand 15 entred vpon Record as the act of this companie.

*Ib.*, fo. 28.

1646, Thursday, November 5.

*Maister Piggott.*—This company are content that Captin *Piggott* shall bee made Burgesse, depositinge x. li. to the consideracion of this company : not sworne.

*Ib.*, fo. 33.

1646, Tuesday, November 10.

*Lenton Faire.*<sup>6</sup>—The Burgesses preferred A petition this day to 20 this Companie, to haue liberty to keepe open their shoppes here in Towne and markett this *Lenton faire*, and to bee protected by the Towne, *Maister Alderman Gregory*, Lord of the faire, beeing present, which petition beeing read, and alsoe the composicion, after the said Alderman's departure, hee refusing to stay to heare the same : 25

1. This company conceiueinge the said composicion to bee against lawe, in hinderinge the Burgesses of vseinge their trades and open[ing] their shoppes, and vseinge the markett in this towne, accordinge to the charter, dureing the faire :

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 768.

<sup>2</sup> 'dangerous to be' = in danger of being.

<sup>3</sup> of = off.

<sup>4</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>5</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

<sup>6</sup> Noticed and explained by Bailey, vol. ii., p. 766. Alderman Gregory, a Parliamentarian, was endeavouring to enforce a statute of Henry I., that 'no man should buy or sell in Nottingham during the time of Lenton fair.'

2. It beeing apparant that the Lords and farmers of the said Lenton faire haue continually from tyme to tyme broaken the said Composic<sup>o</sup>n on their parte, and oppressed the Burgesses, contrary to the same :

5 3. And because the same matter is of generall concernment to all the Burgesses and Cominaltie of this Towne, and soe wilbee either to their good or to their hurt :

Therefore, this company doe order and thinck fitt, that if any of the Burgesses bee sued or trobled for keepeinge the markett, or  
10 keepeing open their shoppes, or vseing their trades in this Towne dureinge the said faire, that the same suite shalbee tried at the generall charge of this Towne, and the said Burgesse or Burgesses for soe doinge, to bee protected and defended at the Comon charge of this Corporacion. 3421, fo. 35.

1646, Wednesday, November 18.

15 <sup>1</sup> *Watch*.—The Watch is to bee taken of <sup>2</sup> all butt one at the Cow lane barr.

*Maister Leake*.—It is ordered and agreed by this company that *Maister Leake*, the Schoolemaister, for his tyme, shall hereafter haue xl. li. A yeare Wages, *scilicet* x. li. A quarter, the first quarter pay-  
20 ment begininge at Christmas next. *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1646, December 1.

*Maister Tomlyn*: *Maister Alsebrook*.—*Maister Tomlyn* and *Maister Alsebrooke* paid in the xxx. li. according to the order of this company formerly made, and soe they to bee dischargd of the fee farme for that yeare, according to the said order.<sup>3</sup> 3421, fo. 39.

1646, Friday, December 25.

25 *Presents*.—This companye are contented that the Countesse of Clare, and *other* twoo Parliament burgesses' wiues, shall bee presented from the Corporacion as followeth, viz<sup>t</sup>, the Countesse of Clare with A rundlett of sacke of eight gallons, and 2 small sugar loaues.

*Mistris Pierepont* with A rundlett of sacke of sixe gallons  
30 and 2 small sugar-loaues.

*Mistris Millington* with the like.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 765.

<sup>2</sup> of=off.

<sup>3</sup> On the same day, £5, one half of the fine for the lease of the 'Castle' Inn to

Mr. Malin, was ordered to be paid to Major Basse towards the discharge of fee-farm arrears.

*Newark.*—It is thought fitt that the corne comeinge from Newarke bee nott stopt, but houshold goods to bee stopt that come from thence.

*Tolle.*—Euery housholder to bee warned by the Constables in theire seuerall disnaries to see that toll bee paid for the corne that is brought to theire houses in the weeke daye; and what is brought after Fryday night, at 12 of the clock, to bec brought into the market accordinge to order. 3421, fo. 41.

XCIII.—*Extracts from the Bridgewardens' Account.*

1646-7.

Given to the sentrie at Trentbriges when Maister Mayore  
and the bridge wardens vewed the lanes . . . . . iiijd. 10  
*Paid* iij. laberers for iiij. deis worke and a halfe in the lanes  
the xii. dey of Feberwarie . . . . . xs. iiijd.  
Given to ix. workemen in the lanes to drinke . . . . . viijd.  
1940, fo. 1.  
Given to the carpinters of Ratlif, and masons and som other . . . . . 15  
men that gate stone when wee hired them . . . . . xxd.  
*Ib.*, fo. 3.  
*Paid* Tollot and Atkinson for cootting vp some treeis at  
Boocat<sup>1</sup> wood, after the had down the pilles; viii.  
coottings of treeis . . . . . iijs. 20  
*Ib.*, fo. 4.

XCIV.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1646-7.

*Necessary Expenses.*

*Item*, for bread to ye souldiers when ye king was in  
towne . . . . . vijs.  
*Item*, for Coales and Candles for Sir Thomas Fairefax  
guard . . . . . xxxiijs. vijd. 25  
*Item*, for dressing ye 'Blackamore's head' and ye  
generall's quarters . . . . . ijs.  
1649, fo. 5.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, Bulcote.

*Item*, paid for quartering of Troops according to *Maister*

Maior's order, and as by there bills doth appeare .xj. li. xs. xd.

*Item*, paid more for quartering of troops : 5 bills . . . xxxiijs. iiijd.

*Ib.*, fo. 9.

5 *Presents and Rewards.*

*Imprimis*, Wyne and Suger presented to *Maister* Mil-

lington, Maior Generall Skippon, and other

Commanders vpon *Maister* Maior's bill . . . v. li. xvjd.

*Item*, for Wyne and Suger presented to the Earle of

10 Clare, Colonell Pierrepon, and other charges .vj. li. xixs. vjd.

*Item*, for Wyne and Suger presented to the Lords and

Commons when the king were in Towne . . . iiij. li. iijs. xjd.

*Item*, giuen in Reward to the King's Trumpetters and

footemen . . . . . xls.

15 *Item*, giuen Sir Thomas Fairefax' Trumpetter . . . vs.

*Item*, for Wyne and Suger presented to Sir Thomas

Fairefax and other Commanders. . . . . iiij. li. ijs. ijd.

*Item*, for Wyne and Suger presented to the Earle of

Clare and *Maister* Millington . . . . . xjs. iiijd.

20 *Item*, for wyne and suger presented to Maior Basse . . . ijs. iiijd.

*Item*, for wyne presented to *Maister* Pierrepont, and to

ye Castle . . . . . xijs. viijd.

*Ib.*, fo. 10.

XCV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1646-7, Wednesday, January 6.

My Lord of Clare, our Recorder, haueinge recomended *Maister*  
 25 [Clement] Spelman<sup>1</sup> (by 2 seuerall letters to *Maister* Maior and his  
 breethren), to bee *Maister* Maior's assistance<sup>2</sup> and my Lord's Deputye,  
 and *Maister* Maior thinckeinge it fitt, and moveinge it to this com-  
 panye that hee might therefore bee sworne burges; thereupon this  
 company giue consent therevnto, that hee shall bee sworne burges,  
 30 and that hee shall haue the auncient fee (*which* was aunciently the  
 Recorder's fee), dureinge soe longe tyme as hee doth the service as  
 assistant to *Maister* Maior and my Lord's deputye, *Maister* Maior

<sup>1</sup> He was of Narborough, and it is said  
 that, according to his own request, he was,  
 after death, immured in a pillar of the

church of which he had been warden many  
 years.

<sup>2</sup> assistance = assistant, as below.

wantinge assistance ; and *Maister* Spelman this day beeing content therewith, was sworne burges accordinglye. 3421, fo. 43.

1646-7, Tuesday, January 26.

*Maister Leake's Deodand*.<sup>1</sup>—This company tooke into consideracion *Maister* Leake's draught and carriage, forfeited as A deodand, because Bevill Veye by accident was killed with the same, and *Maister* Leake 5 and the sheriffes referring themselves to the order of this companye, It is ordered that the v. li. deposited shalbee thus divided :—

	li.	s.	d.	
to the Towne <i>solvendum</i> <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	0	10	00	
the Sheriffes <i>solvendum vicecomitibus</i> <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1	00	00	
the widdow of Veye, per <i>Maister</i> Cooper . . . . .	1	10	00	10
<i>Maister</i> Leake, the residue, per <i>Maister</i> Hawkins	2	00	00	
<hr/>				
[Summa] <i>totalis</i> . . . . .	5	00	00	

*Maister* Hawkins to treat with *Maister* Leake about the tith for the Towne. *Ib.*, fo. 45.

1646-7, Tuesday, March 9.

<sup>4</sup>*Cowlane barr*.—The Cowlane barr to bee pulled downe, and the 15 tiles, wood, and stones to bee employed for the best vse of the Towne.

*Ib.*, fo. 47.

<sup>5</sup>*Not burgesses*.—It is ordered by this Company that, (according to the auncient custome of the Towne), the shopp windowes of all persons that trade in this Towne whoe are not sworn burgesses 20 shalbee forthwith shutt vpp, and the Maior's sergeant and common sergeant is to see the same doone accordingly, as it hath beene aunciently vsed, the markett day excepted, and the said persons alsoe to pay tolls, and bee delt with as foraigners.<sup>6</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 48.

1646-7, Tuesday, March 16.

*Glossopp*.—Thomas Glossopp is to bee noe burges hereafter, 25

<sup>1</sup> 'Deodand,' a thing given or forfeited to God for pacifying His wrath, from *Deo dandum*, Latin, 'to be given to God.' As, if a horse, etc., should strike his keeper, etc., and kill him, the horse was to be given to God, *i.e.*, forfeited to the King by law, as executor, to see the price of such horse distributed to the poor.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: To be paid.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: To be paid to the Sheriffs.

<sup>4</sup> Noticed in Bailey under date 1649, when the order was repeated, vol. ii., p. 779.

<sup>5</sup> Noticed in Bailey, year 1646, vol. ii., p. 765. This order, as appears by a subsequent minute, was to be written in capitals, and set up in the Spice-Chambers.

<sup>6</sup> *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

because hee hath beene in armes *against* the Towne, and A drumer *with* the enemy, and left ye town.

*Ridgway*.—William Ridgway the like, because hee was in Armes *against* the Towne, and A drumer *with* ye enemy, and left the Towne.<sup>1</sup>

5 *Gounes*.—It is agreed on, that all the cleatheinge and Councell shall weare theire black gounes at the assises and after, as vsually they haue heretofore doone. *Ib.*, fo. 49.

1647, Tuesday, March 30.

*Highwaies*.—It is agreed by this company, that the workes about the Towne shalbee cutt downe to make A passage for the auncient  
10 highwaies, to saue the pauement, and euery Alderman in his ward to charge and see his Cunstables gather 6d. a peece of euery whole man, and 3d. A peece for euery halfe man, and 2d. a peece for euery three to A man, within their wards respectiue, and to distraine vpon the refusers or neglectors to pay the same accordingly.<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 55.

1647, Wednesday, April 7.

15 *Eastcroft*.—This Company are agreed that Eastcroft shall bee eaten this yeare *with* kyne from Fryday xxiiij<sup>th</sup> of Aprill till Fryday xxx<sup>o</sup> July after, and to putt butt 70 kyne in it at most, and 2 bulls of the Towne's, and euery one that hath A Cowe there for that tyme to pay xvjd. A Cow for euery weeke, and then to bee taken out, and  
20 then<sup>3</sup> to bee laid for A latter herbage, according to custome, and euery one to pay at the comeing in, and to pay the pinder jd. A cow to looke to them, and none but Burgesses' kyne to bee putt in there; and if any flood hynder for any tyme, then to haue soe much tyme after as it is hindered; and *Maisters* Chamberlines, *Maister* Fillingham,  
25 and *Maister* Bayly to see to it, and to order how many kyne any burges shall haue in; and Chamberlins to receiue the mony, and ye poore to bee first serued.

Millne<sup>4</sup> horses to bee in, if neede bee; all other bease putt in to bee pined,<sup>5</sup> and agents borne out.<sup>6</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 57.

<sup>1</sup> Edward Bowler and Anthony Malyn were disfranchised, and Adam Paine declared 'incapable' of being a burgess, on the same day, for similar causes. Robert Shaw was also disfranchised on his own confession that he had lived at Wiverton, the enemy's garrison, and done service there.

<sup>2</sup> On the same day, Thomas Widoson and John Fish, the Mayor's Sergeants, were

granted all the tolls of Oatmeal, Oats, and Malt, 'for the amending of their places.'

<sup>3</sup> 'Eastcroft' is to be here understood.

<sup>4</sup> Millne-horses = mill-horses. *Myln*, Saxon.

<sup>5</sup> Pined = pinned, *i.e.*, impounded.

<sup>6</sup> A similar order was made for the following Easter week. Westcroft was also ordered to be 'eaten,' etc., at the same times.

*Ropers' stalls.*<sup>1</sup>—The hosiers to bee remooued to the pauement, and the Ropers to sett stalls there<sup>2</sup> where the hosiers stood. *Ib.*, fo. 58.

1647, Tuesday, April 13.

*Centry house and pinfold.*—It is Agreed, the Centry-house at the bridges to bee taken downe, and it and the pinfold to bee sett at the Cheeny-bridges, and Averill the pinder to haue xxs. towards it, and 5 to enjoy it dureing his life onely.

*Maister Alderman* Drewery, and *Maister* Flamsteed and *Thomas* Whittington to speake to *Captin* Poulton for his consent.

*Samuel Wildaye.*—This Company doe disfranchise *Samuel Wilday*<sup>3</sup> for actinge in office in his Maiestie's Armie against the Parliament 10 and State, and the Towne, contrary to the good of the Towne, his oath and fidelitye: hee appeared, and it was published to hym, and [hee] confessed that the kinge putt hym into office. *Ib.*, fo. 60.

XCVI.—*Extract from the Presentments at the Sessions.*

*Circa* 14 April, 1647.

<sup>4</sup>To the right worshippfull *Maister* Major, *Maister* Recorder, and the rest of the Aldermen of the Towne of Nottingham; 15

The petition of diuers of the Burgesses of the Towne of Nottingham whose names are here subscribed  
Sheweth

That, whereas *your* petitioners (by sad experience), haue obserued that by *permitting* soe many unnecessary Alehouses and Tipling 20 houses Within this towne, the name of God is much dishonored, His day profaned, and his cretures abused, and . . . . *permitting* soe many strangers within . . . . mault and Tiple, *your* Burgesses and free[men] . . . . [muc]h oppressed, and disenabled . . . . for pre-  
uention of these inconueniencies, wee humbly desire *your* woor- 25  
ships to suppress the vnecessary number of Alehouses, and to suffer non to mault within this Corporacion but such as are members of this body, and for *which* fauoure *your* petitioners shall euer pray, etc. . . . Baker. Thomas Huthwaite. Steephen Johnes.

Will. Beales. Robert Saxton. William Jackson. 30  
. . . . Beardsley. Will. Sumner. Geo. Alseabrooke.<sup>5</sup> 83, ro. 24.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 645.

<sup>2</sup> In the market.

<sup>3</sup> Wilday, by a subsequent minute, was also declared unfit to keep an alehouse.

<sup>4</sup> The MS. is much mutilated.

<sup>5</sup> Other signatures follow, but they are much torn.

XCVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1647, Tuesday, April 28.

*Maister Flamsteed*.—This Company, *Maisters* Sheriffes and *Maisters* Chamberlins, doe all declare (*nullo contradicente*<sup>1</sup>) that it is theire desires, and doe soe agree and order, that *Maister* Flamsteed shall continue in both the offices and places hee now executeth, 5 which *Maister* Greaves and *Maister* Widdoson had, and not to bee displaced out of either without consent of this company.

3421, fo. 61.

1647, Friday, May 28.

*Highway*.—It is ordered that euery whole man, according to the watch, shall send by the Constable of the disnarye 4d. for the comon 10 worke, or A sufficient man to worke, or else to bee distrained for 6d. by the said Constable forthwith, and so euery halfe man after that rate; and euery man that hath A draught either to appeare vpon somons to worke at the comon day works with theire draughts, and to worke, or else to pay for euery defalt 4s. per day, to bee presently 15 distrained by the Constable of the disnarye.

<sup>2</sup> *Wood felled*.—It is ordered, Wood shall bee feled in the copies for the buildinge of lofts<sup>3</sup> in Marie's and Peeter's church, to bee sett out by *Maister* Maior, 2 Aldermen, bridgmaisters, and Chamberlins and Churchwardens, according to former order, and yf any odd wood 20 bee, then the same to bee imloide for the Towne.

*Bellman and Beadle*.—Resolved that the Bellman, William Hall, and Beadle of beggers, William James, shall not hereafter in any yeare haue any Coates at the Towne's charge. *Ib.*, fo. 63.

1647, June 9.

*Not to trade vnles* *Burgesses*.—It is agreed yat *Maister* Burrowes 25 and *Maister* Pywell shalbee restrained from Tradeinge in the Towne, beeinge noe burgesses, and soe others in theire condicion; and *Maister* Maior and his breethren to see it doone accordingly, with some of this company. *Ib.*, fo. 64.

1647, June 14.

*Stanley*.—Vpon Thomas Stanlye's peticion, it is ordered that the 30 Towne shall haue noe waites, nor the peticioner any mony to leaue the Towne.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: 'no one contradicting.' <sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey under year 1646, vol. ii., p. 767.<sup>3</sup> Bailey adds 'or galleries.'

*Randevous.*—This company mett concerninge the Randevous the Soldiers appointed on the Longe Rowe on Thursday next, but nothings resolved, but every one to doe his endeour to perswade them to peace, if any outrageous act should bee, and the company are desirous to defend and iustify Maister Maior,<sup>1</sup> as Maior, soe farr as 5 may or can bee.

1647, June 28.

*Saint Ann Well.*—It is ordered yat Saint Ann Well shall not bee disposed of hereafter without consent of Maister Maior, ye Aldermen and Councill, and not by the Maior for ye tyme beeing onely ; as formerly it hath beene. 10

*Soldiers' mony.*—Colonell Thornehagh and Colonell George Hutchinson sendinge theire letter hither to raise mony for ye soldiers, some Aldermen beeing absent, and many of the company, the Maior, Aldermen and Councill present desire tyme to consider of it.

*Ib.*, fo. 65. 15

1647, July 21.

<sup>2</sup>Ordered that the Middleturne's ordinary shall hereafter bee but viijd. A peece.

*T. Widoson.*—Whereas it appeares that Thomas Widoson, the Maior's Sergeant, contrary to his dewty and trust, did (after Maister Maior, by consent of the Councill, hadd dischargdged Maister Pywell<sup>3</sup> 20 from tradeinge openly in the Towne), encorage the said Maister Pywell to open his shopp windowes, sayinge that if hee did not, hee would not lose his fees, and had taken of hym sometymes xijd., and sometymes ijs. vjd. A tyme ; for which fraudulent dealinge, it is voted that hee is vnfit for his place hereafter.<sup>4</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 67. 25

1647, August 13.

*Forainers.*<sup>5</sup>—Ordered that Maister Recorder bee spoaken to and advised with, to giue direccions what to bee done against Maister Pywell and others, yat are foreinors,<sup>5</sup> and refuse to giue over tradeinge.

*Gownes.*—Ordered, that at and after the next assises, the Maior and Aldermen to waire theire gownes, and alsoe the Cleatheing (but 30

<sup>1</sup> John James.

<sup>2</sup> See Bailey, vol. ii, p. 766, year 1646, where a minute is quoted, of a long subsequent date, as to the Mickletorn dinner. See also Council Minutes, November 1st, 1659.

<sup>3</sup> Not being a burgess.

<sup>4</sup> On the same day, Mr. Millington was ordered to have £10 sent him, at his request, and the way at Cow Lane end was to be 'made good' with tops of trees.

<sup>5</sup> *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

Nott the 6 Comoners), theire black gownes at all Assises, Sessions, Michaelmas daies, Saboth daies, faires, *proclaimeinges* of ye Maior, Walkinges of the *markett*, and other tymes when *Maister* Maior vpon other extraordinary occations shall appoint; vpon paine of 5 forfeiteinge of iijs. iiijd. A peece for euery defalt, to ye vse of the poore of the *parish* where ye offender liueth, and to bee leuied by the comon sergeant by way of distres and sale of ye *said parties* goods.

<sup>1</sup> *Watch*.—Agreed, Watch to bee sett at the bridge, and 2 men to watch yat are knowinge men of the Cuntry, for feare of the sicknes, 10 and care to be had at Wilford boate. *Ib.*, fo. 72.

August 27, 1647.

*De Sickness*.<sup>2</sup>—Ordered, swine, doggs and cattis to bee kept vp for feare of the sicknes, and the doggs and Cattis on the backside neere Reeue's house to bee killed, and some appointed to see to it, and the Constables to giue warninge hereof. xijd. A peece to bee paid for 15 pinshipp of euery swine found abroad after *proclamacion* [here]of.

Ordered, Wood to bee *provided* and hutts or bothes<sup>3</sup> to bee made ready, to putt suspected persons of the sicknes into, when occasion is. *Maister* Drewry, *Maister* Fillingham, and *Maister Camerarius*<sup>4</sup> Smyth are desired to see it doone in convenient places, and in con- 20 venient tyme. *Ib.*, fo. 74.

1647, September 10.

*Forainers*.<sup>5</sup>—Ordered that all the Constables to bringe A note to theire Aldermen of all foraigners come into town within 4 yeares last, that A course may bee taken [to] remoue such as are poore and likely to bee chargable, and such as hinder the burgesses by 25 tradeinge.

*Visited people*.—*Maister* Alderman Drewrye, *Maister* Tomlyn and *Maister* Chamberlin Smyth are desired to see to the buildinge of houses conveniently for visited people. *Ib.*, fo. 76.

1647, September 17.

*Diner*.—Ordered the diner to bee laid downe at the breakeinge of 30 Eastcroft hereafter. *Ib.*, fo. 77.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey under date 1645, vol. ii., p. 731.

<sup>2</sup> Summarized in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 769.

<sup>3</sup> Bothes = booths.

<sup>4</sup> Chamberlain.

<sup>5</sup> *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

XCVIII.—*Extract from the Will of Mary Wilson, of Nottingham.*

1647, September 24.

Item, I giue and bequeath vnto the said *John Parker*, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten, or to bee begotten, for euer, one close called or knowne by the name of the Trough Close, lyeinge and beeing within the precincts and libertyes of the Towne of *Nottingham* aforesaid: Nevertheles, my will and mind is, that ye 5 said *John Parker* and his heires shall yearely, out of the rente or profitts of the said Close, provide and bestowe xxxs. in Cloth to bee giuen to twoo poore and impotent people of the said parish of *Saint Peeter's* and *Saint Marie's* in *Nottingham*, to make them gownes or Coates at the natiuity of our Lord God yearely, the same to begin to 10 bee provided and bestoued, the next yeare after my decease, to the poore of *Saint Peeter's* parish, and the next yeare to twoo poore impotent people of *Saint Marie's* parish, and soe change euery yeare from the one parish to the other parish, and so to continue for euer.

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XCIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1647, September 27.

*Troope*.—Ordered Captin Pallmer'[s] Troope to bee disposed of at Innes, as equally as may bee, for this night, and their quarters to bee dischargd by the Towne.

3421, fo. 79.

1647, October 29.

*Maister Millington*.—Maister Millington, it is voted, shall haue tenne pownds presented to hym from the towne, and his man xxs. 20

*Cooke*.—Ordered, William Bringhurst to bee and continue the Maior's Cooke dureing his<sup>1</sup> life, and to haue ls. *per annum* wages onely, and to doe the Maior service so often as hee needeth.

3422, fo. 31.

C.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1647-8.

*Presentes and rewards.*

25

<i>Item</i> , for wine when the Commisioners came out of Scot-	li.	s.	d.
land, and for wine and beare when Collonell Rositer			
was in the towne . . . . .	00	10	10

<sup>1</sup> 'his' repeated, MS.

	li.	s.	d.
<i>Item</i> , for win sent to Collonell Rositer . . . . .	00	16	02
<i>Item</i> , to Lefetenant Generall Cromwell's Trumpeters . . . . .	00	10	00
	1650, fo. 3.		

CI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1647-8, January 10.

William Baker's Accompt *pro* visited people.

	li.	s.	d.
5      Receipts . . . . .	27	13	9
Disbursements. . . . .	24	02	1
Remaineth in his hands . . . . .	03	11	8

*quos solvit hic ad aulam, et sic exoneratur.*<sup>1</sup>

This company gaue hym the odd 11s. 8d. for his extraordinary  
 10 paines over and aboue his vsuall<sup>2</sup> weekly pay allowed in his accompts ;  
 the other 3 li. went towards payment of Maister Cornish, for quarter-  
 inge of souldiers, the mony falling short collected for that purpose.

3422, fo. 35.

1648, March 28.

*Burgess parts.*—It is ordered that noe person that hath, or shall  
 15 haue, any burges parte, shall at any tyme hereafter passe away the  
 same, without consent of Maister Maior and the Councell, vnto any  
 person whatsouer, vnles it bee for three yeares onelye and noe more  
 by reason of ye inconvenience yat falls vpon the same by ill husbands  
 sellinge their parts from their wiues and children, which was  
 20 intended for their good.

*Ib.*, fo. 39.

1648, May 20.

*Burgesses.*—Agreed, the Alehouse-Keepers that are not yet bur-  
 gesses shall not bee made burgesses.

*Ib.*, fo. 15.

1648, June 7.

<sup>3</sup>The Committee for ye County of Nottingham appointed by the  
 ordinance of ye Lords and Comons assembled in Parliament of ye  
 25 23 of May, 1648, for the settlinge the Militia in the northerne Counties,  
 haueinge mooued the Maior, Aldermen and Councell of this Towne  
 of Nottingham to putt ye Inhabitants of this Towne of Nottingham

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: 'which he pays here at the hall, and so is discharged.'

<sup>2</sup> vsuall,] 'usually,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> This minute is written on a fly-leaf

inserted in the Council book between pages 14 and 17. It is a very rough draft, with many interlineations and cancelled passages, and by no means easy to decipher.

into A posterne<sup>1</sup> of defence, and to recomend to this Comitee, Comanders and officers for onely the safety and defence of the said Towne and Castle of Nottingham, and not for any other or further service without their owne consents, The said Maior, Aldermen, and Councell haue therevpon accordingly agreed soe to doe, and haue 5 recomended to this Committee, Comanders and officers for yat purpose, all which the said Committee haue and doe hereby confirme and approue, and doe also hereby promise and vndertake that they, ye said Inhabitants of the said Towne soe putt, or to bee putt, into A posterne<sup>1</sup> of defence, or any of them, without their owne consents 10 shall not anywaies bee required or comanded to or for any further or other service then<sup>2</sup> in and for the safety and defence of the said towne and Castle, against the comonemie, and shall haue<sup>3</sup> their direccions and comands vpon all occasion[s]<sup>4</sup> onely from and by their superiour officers by them recomended, And also yat ye said Inhabitants shall 15 alsoe haue all fittinge and convenient assistance, Armes, Amunicion, and other Accomodacions for their safety and defence, And if in case they or any of them shalbee anywaies Coman[d]ed to any further or other service then<sup>5</sup> in and for the defence and safety of ye said Towne and Castle, without their one<sup>6</sup> consents, then their and euery 20 of their Comissions to them by vs in this behalfe made or granted, to bee void, and all the said inhabitants to bee free and at liberty as if there had beene noe such Comissions vndertaken. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1648, July 4.

*Lenton Tole*.—Voted, Tole not to bee taken in Lenton, because Alderman Gregory hath dischargd the sheriffs but to take it. 25

*Ib.*, fo. 49.

1648, Monday, August 14: Vigil of the Assumption of Mary.

*Maister Flamsteed*<sup>7</sup> is desired henceforth to direct the quarteringe of soldiers by and according as the companies order, and to haue 3s. 4d. for euery hundred hee quarters, and to bee freed from quarter- 30 inge. *Ib.*, fo. 53.

1648, October 27.

*Incroachments*.—Agreed, Incroachments to bee proceeded against, by way of presentment.

<sup>1</sup> So in MS.: apparently for 'position,' or 'posture.'

<sup>2</sup> 'then' = than.

<sup>3</sup> 'saue,' MS., for haue = have.

<sup>4</sup> occasions,] 'occacacion,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> 'then' = than.

<sup>6</sup> 'one' = own.

<sup>7</sup> The Mayor's Clerk.

*Forainers' shopps.*—Agreed, *Maister* Maior to shutt vpp forainers' shopp windowes yat trade in the Towne, and to bee managed and borne out in soe doeing by and at the Towne's charge. 3423, fo. 30.

1648, November 1.

*Maister Pierepont.*<sup>2</sup>—*Maister* Pierepont<sup>3</sup> to bee presented with A 5 quarter of beefe or A veale, as *Maister* Maior shall direct, and A rundlett of sack befoore hee goe vpp. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1648, December 8.

*Toll house.*—Ordered, when the wether is seasonable, the Centry house at Hockly to bee remooued by the Chamberlins to the Chappell barr, for A house for the sheriffes' sergeants to take tole in, and when  
10 it is remooued, then to bee rented.

*Monthe's Assesment.*<sup>4</sup>—Ordered, the Towne to pay the monethe's assesment for releefe of the seege against Pontefract out of ye Townes Stock, Leifetenant-generall Crumwell haueing mooued for it.

*Ib.*, fo. 33.

15 *Quartermaister.*—*Maister* Flamsteed this day did giue vpp his Accompt for quartering, and the Company order hee shalbee paid at iijs. iiijd. the hundred for the tyme past, and hee at his earnest request is dischardged for the tyme to come;

And the Company haue voted and agreed that *Maister* Sully and  
20 *Maister* Cooke (for *Maister* Maior's assistance), shalbee Quartermaisters for ye tyme to come, and shall haue the same allowance and pay that *Maister* Flamsteed hadd. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

1648, December 15.

*Quarters.*—It is Agreed that the way and course for raiseinge mony through ye towne by rates bee proceed[ed] in, and is approued  
25 and liked of, accordinge to the diuisions and warrants for to dischardge soldiers' quarters yat come by small parties. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

## CII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1648-9.

### *Necessarie Expenses.*

	li.	s.	d.
<i>Inprimis</i> , paid for Ringinge the Bells for <i>Maister</i> Maior .	00	02	06
<i>Item</i> , paid for mendinge the Towne's markes . . .	00	0j	06

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

<sup>2</sup> Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 771.

<sup>3</sup> Bailey adds, 'one of the members,' and italicises the articles to be presented.

<sup>4</sup> Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 771.

	li.	s.	d.	
<i>Item</i> , paid for Tiling the Towne's Hall . . . . .	00	07	08	
<i>Item</i> , paid William Goadby, for a matt for the Towne's Hall	00	04	00	
				1651, p. 3.
<i>Item</i> , paid a Bill to Mr. Maior to passe Soldiers through the Towne . . . . .	00	03	04	5
<i>Item</i> , paid William Smalley for buildinge the Toll-house at Chappell Barre . . . . .	02	00	06	
<i>Item</i> , paid for a thousand and 8 hundred and odd Bricks for the same Toll house . . . . .	0j	06	jo	
<i>Item</i> , paid for a locke and a dore for the same house . . . . .	00	02	08	10
				<i>Ib.</i> , p. 4.
<i>Imprimis</i> , paid William Paramore for whipping a Rogue . . . . .	00	0j	00	
<i>Item</i> , paid George Cooke for mendinge ye townes Mace . . . . .	00	02	00	
				<i>Ib.</i> , p. 6.
<i>Expences of the soldiery quartered in the townes.</i>				15
	li.	s.	d.	
<i>Item</i> , paid to Captain Champion for 6 weekes' pay to the Soldiers att Pontefract, the summe of . . . . .	17	11	09	
<i>Item</i> , paid for 2 Gallons of Sacke and 2 of Clarad by Maister Major's appointment . . . . .	00	16	09	
<i>Item</i> , paid for 4 quarts and one pinte of wyne by Maister Major's Appointment . . . . .	00	05	05	20
<i>Item</i> , paid for 2 bottles of Wyne sent to Richard James to Maister Major, Collonell Pierrepont and com- manders there. . . . .	00	07	00	
<i>Item</i> , paid for wyne and Suger sent to Generall Cromwell and his officers by Maister Major and the Alder- men's appointment . . . . .	01	06	06	25
<i>Item</i> , paid Maister Flamsteed for quartringe Soldiers, the number by his Accompt 3000, Nyne hundred and 7, and hee was ordered by the Major and Councell 3s. 4d. the hundred . . . . .	05	03	04	30
<i>Item</i> , paid Godfrey Elliott's wife for tentinge Sicke Soldiers, and meate and drinke, by Maister Major's Appoint- ment . . . . .	00	10	00	
<i>Item</i> , paid for 18 pound of Tobacco, and 18 pound of Candles, for the Soldiers, by order of Maister Major . . . . .	0j	13	00	35
<i>Item</i> , paid for hay att the 'Bullhead' for soldiers . . . . .	00	02	06	

*Item*, paid Quarter Maister Harrison, by Maister Major's  
 Command, for a journey to London . . . . 05 00 00  
*Ib.*, p. 15.

*More Expences of the soldiery.*

5 *Inprimis*, paid for Remoovinge the Artillery out of the  
 markt place into the Castle, that theie Guard  
 might bee remooved out of the Shambles, that the  
 Butchers might come to their Shopps . . . . 01 10 00  
*Item*, paid a messenger to fetch in the Committee, to  
 10 speake to Generall Cromwell in the night time . . . . 00 04 06  
*Item*, for a skepp . . . . . 00 00 08  
*Item*, paid Thomas Loe for fetchinge horses backe that  
 Sicke Soldiers rid on . . . . . 00 06 00  
*Ib.*, p. 16.

CIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1648-9, February 14.

15 *Coppice*.—Maister Cooper to tamper<sup>1</sup> and deale with Maister  
 Jackson priuately, and not as from the house, how hee wold deale  
 about it to suffer the Towne to gett coale. 3423, fo. 44.

This Company mett this day to agree on some course to sett the  
 poore on worke, And they are agreed thus :

20 On the Towne's parte :

1. To lend William James xx. li. on his owne security, payable at  
 quarter's end.

2. To buy 12 wheeles.

3. To allow hym xxijs. vjd. A quarter from this day.

25 On William James' parte :

1. To sett the poore on worke with spininge of linen and wollen  
 cardinge weake<sup>2</sup> pullinge out of Candleweake.

For all such poore as are able to worke, and want worke,

2. Hee is to allow them theis rates followeing, and to referr hym  
 30 selfe to ye Maior and this Company to order the rates if, on com-  
 plaint, they see cause :

*The Rates.*

6d. *per* pound for cardinge and spininge finest wool.

5d. *per* pound for ye second sort.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, to deal with secretly, to bring to  
 terms. Not used in a bad sense.

<sup>2</sup> 'weake' = wick. Spelt *weeke* in  
 Spenser's *Faerie Queene*.

4d. ob.<sup>1</sup> *per* pound for ye third sorte.

1d. *per* ley<sup>2</sup> for ye onely spining all sorts of linen, the reele beeing 4 yards.

ob.<sup>1</sup> *per* pound for carding candleweake.

1d. *per* pound for pulling midling<sup>3</sup> out of it.

5

jd. *per* pound for spining candleweake.

and not to sett any on worke till summer : *vide*<sup>4</sup> ye note.

This agreement to continue from quarter to quarter, so long as ye company agree : Maister Alsebrooke, vpon causes of complaint, to consider ye complaints, and see into ye busines and certify, etc.

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*Ib.*, fo. 45.

1648-9, February 21.

*Harrison.*—This company are content, at Colonell Pierepont's request, yat Cornett Harrison should haue liberty to vse ye Trade of an Imbrowderer, provided hee bee not made burges, nor vse any other trade then that, nor vse that trade to ye preiudice of burgesses, 15 in ye Judgment of this company.

*Well at Chappell Barr.*—Thomas Whittington is desired to see to ye well at Chappell barr, yat it bee not spoiled by the bullworks, and to secure ye wood, and ye way to bee considered of there.

*Ib.*, fo. 47. 20

1649, April 6.

*Burges partes.*—It is ordered and agreed this day by this company, *nullo contradicente*,<sup>5</sup> that all burgesse partes whatsoever, hereafter to bee allotted, shalbee made, as neere as can, to bee worth xxs. *per annum* to the burges to whom it shalbee allotted, and not to exceed that rate.

*Poore.*—It is agreed, all Landlords yat receiue in chargable poore, 25 to bee delt with, or assessed to maintain them, accordinge to lawe.

*Cow barr.*—<sup>6</sup>It is agreed the Cow lane barr bee taken downe, and the stone and other materialls to bee employed or secured by the Chamberlins, or bridgmaisters, as occasion shalbee.

*Ib.*, fo. 53.

1649, May 14.

*Trees.*—6 little trees and 4 greate ones to bee sett out for the 30 bridges for sumer trees,<sup>7</sup> to bee sett out and felled for ye vse of the

<sup>1</sup> ob. = obolus, halfpenny.

<sup>2</sup> a skein.

<sup>3</sup> 'midling,' the coarser part.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation* : 'see.'

<sup>5</sup> *Translation* : no one gainsaying.

<sup>6</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 779.  
See also Council Minutes, March 9, 1647.

<sup>7</sup> *i.e.*, props.

bridges; to bee sett out by Maister Maior, the Chamberlins and bridgmaisters, and Alderman Drury.

*Paintice*.<sup>1</sup>—The paintice at the Shambles to bee pulled downe and imploied for ye vse of ye Towne; agreed on after ye bookes<sup>2</sup> 5 putt vpp.<sup>3</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 55.

1649, June 1.

*William White*.—William White haueinge ouershott hymselfe in words against Alderman James, before this company, by taxing hym when hee spoake, sayeing, 'Lett hym speake that shoud speake,' and sayeing 'he neuer did his neighbors any good;' the said 10 William before the company confessed his fault, and desired Maister Alderman to passe it by, and promised to bee more carefull for the tyme to come, and Maister Alderman was content to passe it by.

*Ib.*, fo. 57.

1649, July 4.

*Quartermaister*.—Agreed, Maister Maior to haue A quartermaister 15 if neede bee, and to pay hym. *Ib.*, fo. 59.

CIV.—*Extracts from Presentments at the Sessions.*

1649, July 7.

Articles exhibited against Richard James by Thomas Parker, taken before William Richards, Maior of the towne of Nottingham, and Thomas Gamble, Alderman.

Thomas Parker maketh oath that hee this deponent and the said 20 Richard James, speakinge with Bayliffe Browne of two trees that hee had promised to send for the vse of Nottingham Bridges, and for which Maister Alderman James had sent to him, the said Richard James did say of the said Maister Alderman James, that hee was A knaue and A foole for medleinge soe much in it.

1649, July 14.

25 Articles exhibited the 14 July, 1649, by George Tollett against Richard James, taken before William Richards, Maior, and William Gregory, Alderman.

George Tollett comeinge into the house of Richard James of

<sup>1</sup> Paintice = penthouse.

<sup>2</sup> The Council book, etc. The minute is at the foot, and is written in a more minute hand; the ink, also, is paler.

<sup>3</sup> On the same day Major John Chadwick, 'not Burgess born,' was made Burgess, free of charge.

Nottingham, the said Richard James takeinge occasion to speake with Bayliffe Browne concerninge A tree that was taken vp by Bayliffe Browne, or by his assignes at Shelford, that did belonge to Nottingham Bridges, the said Richard James said of Alderman James that hee was A knaue and A foole for medleinge with that which did 5 not concerne him.<sup>1</sup> 84, ro. 28.

CV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1649, Wednesday, August 15.

*Poore burgesses.*—Agreed, all the burgesses and widdowes yat were to bee releued out of the tith hay to haue theire allowances increased to 7s. A peece, and as any dyc, none to bee added in theire roome into the Schoole rent. 3423, fo. 65. 10

1649, August 27.

*Atkinson.*—This Company doe not thinck fitt to graunt Nicholas Atkinson[']s request in his peticion to build A house vpon any Wast or Towne's ground, because hee is noe burgesse. *Ib.*, fo. 67.

1649, September 24.

*Burges partes.*—Resolued vpon the question, that Eastcroft and Westcroft shalbee allotted into Burges partes, and to such Burgesses 15 and in such manner as this company shall agree.

*Michaelmas sermon.*—It is agreed yat Maister Boole preach ye sermon on Michaelmas day this yeare, and haue xxs., and ye Minister of ye other parish preach ye next yeare, and haue ye like allowance, and soe to keepe theire tournes; Maister Whitchurch preached the 20 last yeare. *Ib.*, fo. 69.

1649, November 7.

*Mace.*—Agreed, the order for reformeing the mace to bee considered of, and to inquire what other Corporacions doe in that case, and alsoe to inquire of the Burges of the Parliament what the Parliament expects in that case. 25

*Lenton faire.*<sup>2</sup>—Agreed, if Alderman Gregory trouble any burgesses for not goeing downe to Lenton feare, or for keepinge open shoppes here in Towne, that the Towne at y<sup>r</sup><sup>3</sup> chardg will defend them, according to former order, and for the reasons therein. 10 November, 1646.

<sup>1</sup> The result does not appear.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 766. See also Council Minutes, Nov. 10, 1646.

<sup>3</sup> y<sup>r</sup>=their.

1649, December 13.

*Vsher.*—It is agreed 5 *marckes*<sup>1</sup> *per annum* to bee added to the vsher's fee, if hee approoued on ; so in all xx. *marckes per annum*.

3424, fo. 27.

1649-50, January 3.

*Westcrofte.*—It is resolued, graunted and agreed by this Company, 5 that Westcroft shalbee allotted and diuided into 16 burges parts to 16 of the next burgesses that are to bee serued in the Judgment of this Company, vpon theis tearmes, and vpon theis Condicions :—

1. That they shall pay xls. rent *per annum* A peece for ye same, on ye 17th day of June *per annum*, yearelye.
- 10 2. That they shall pay all assessments and taxes for ye same, and dischardge the Towne thereof.
3. That all the burgesses shall haue free liberty and profite of pasturage, feedeing or comon there, as formerly they haue had there by the Custom in that case.
- 15 4. That none of ye said 16 tennants shall lett, sett, dispose or parte with any of ye said parts to any but to A sufficient burgesse, and to noe burges, nor any other, for aboue 3 yeares, without licence of the company.
5. That the pinder's fee continue as it is till further order.
- 20 6. That if the 16 burgesses to whom the said parts shalbee allotted (the same beeing diuided into 16 parts as equally as may bee), shall cast lotts for ye same, if they cannott otherwaies agree<sup>2</sup> of it.
7. The Towne to fence it on outside, and drain it, and to allow ye poore yat had partts there, as they did, the same allowance they 25 had.<sup>3</sup>

And if any differences arise about the premisses, the same to bee referred to this company, and they to determine it. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

*Eastcroft.*—It is alsoe agreed, graunted and resolued that Eastcroft (All but the pinder's fee, [the] Hooke, and the flaggy peece), 30 shalbee diuided into thirty burges partes, to bee allotted to thirty of the next burgesses that are to bee serued in the Judgment of this Company, vpon theis tearmes and condicions :—

1. That euery of the said xxxty burgesses to pay xxvjs. viijd. rent *per annum* on ye 17th of June yearely.

<sup>1</sup> mark = 13s. 4d.

<sup>2</sup> Agree,] 'agreed,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> Here follow the names of the sixteen burgesses to whom the parts were allotted.

2. That they shall pay all assessments and taxes, and discharge the Towne thereof, for ye whole yeare, yearly.

3. That they shall mowe theyre hay within A weeke after West-croft bee mowed yearly, according to ye Custome, or within A weeke of Midsomer if it bee eaten, or to eate it A week after. 5

4. That the latter Edige or grasse bee *preserved* and laid according to the Custome, and the Towne and the burgesses to haue the disposinge, benefitt and *profit* thereof, according to the Custome.

5. That the Towne doe draine and fence that, at ye Towne's charge, and allowe ye poore yat hadd allowance and parts there ye 10 same allowance that they hadd.

6. The pinder's fee to continue as it is.

The said parts to bee as equally diuided as may bee amongst them.

7. That the said parts shall none of them bee lett, sett, nor disposed of for aboute 3 yeares, nor to any but A burges, without licence 15 of this Company.

If any difference arise about diuideinge or otherwaies, the Company to determine it.

*Hooke.*—8. The Hooke to bee diuided into twoo parts for twoo of ye next burgesses, at xxs. *per annum* A peece, to bee paid at ye 20 same day, and vpon such *Condicions* and tearmes as abouesaid.

9. The flaggy peece, beeing burges parts formerly, and not Chamberlines, to continue to the same burgesses yat are liueinge that held them, at ye old rent onely.

Widdow Beeby, yat is dead, her part to be allotted to the next 25 burgesse at xs. *per annum* at ye same day.<sup>1</sup> 3424, fo. 30.

1649-50, Thursday, January 10.

*Coales.*—Agreed, that *Maisters* Chamberlins, with ye assistance of *Maister* Fillingham [and] *Maister* Hawkeings, shall conferr with men of Judgment, and such as they like of, and vse indevors and meanes to discover whether or noe there bee any Coles in the Copies, and to 30 bee allowed for yr<sup>2</sup> paines and charges therein. *Ib.*, fo. 32.

1649-50, February 27.

*Engagement.*<sup>3</sup>—The act for ye Ingagement, and letters and resolues were read this day, and tendered to the Company, and the

<sup>1</sup> Here follow the names of the 30 burgesses for Eastcroft.

<sup>2</sup> yr = their.

<sup>3</sup> An Act was passed requiring all men above eighteen years old to enter into an 'Engagement' to support the Commonwealth. See Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 804-5.

company desire tyme to consider of it; onely *Maister* Huthwett subscribed now. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

1650, Monday, April 1.

*Fee farme*.—This Company thincke fitt to buy the fee farme rent accordinge to ye act, and other particuler rents that are issueinge 5 out of any of ye Towne's houses.

*Maister Drewry and Maister Flamsteed to London*.—It is agreed, *Maister* Alderman Drewry and *Maister* Flamsteed to goe to London about it, and the Augmentacions and other busines of ye Towne's, and ye Towne to beare their charges. *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1650, May 7.

10 *Coales*.—It is agreed yat ye<sup>1</sup> parties imployed by ye Towne proceed further to try for coales by sincking A new pitt, and otherwaies as shalbee fitt. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

1650, May 21.

*De Soldiers*.—This Company consent yat *Maister* Alderman Drewry to treat with ye Comissioners for to bring the rate of the 15 soldiers for the Towne as lowe as may bee, and that the company may then proporcion them on the Towne. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

1650, June 5.

*First Moity*.—It is ordered that *Maisters* Chamberlins, the Bridgemaisters and Schoolewardens doe pay what mony they haue in their hands, to prepare for payment of the first payment for ye moity of ye 20 Fee farme, beeing 288 li. 07s. 7 ob.,<sup>2</sup> and the Chamberlins to see it sent vpp by Alderman Cooke next Jorny, and *Maister* Moreclock to bee sent to, to see it paid. *Ib.*, fo. 44.

1650, Tuesday, June 25.

*Phipps*.—Ordered, Calib Phipps to pull downe the latts<sup>3</sup> of his porch hee hath begunn on Smythy Rowe, or else A course to bee 25 taken therein, and ye stoopes<sup>4</sup> to stand till Midleturme goe, and then they to order how it shalbee. *Ib.*, fo. 45.

*Averill*.—Agreed, Averill to pinn forainers'<sup>5</sup> goods that trespass in the meadowes, contrary to the custome, and to bee borne out.

*Ib.*, fo. 46.

<sup>1</sup> ye,] 'yt,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> ob. = obolus, halfpenny.

<sup>3</sup> latts = laths.

<sup>4</sup> stoopes = posts.

<sup>5</sup> Non-burgesses.

1650, July 12.

*Maisters Sheriffes: Fee farme.*—Maisters Sheriffes, at the instance of the Towne, haue this day paid in to the Chamberlins, towards the second payment of the purchase of the fee-farme, the some of thirty-one pownds, eighteene shillings and an halfepenny, which is not due till Michaelmas next, and the Towne are to dischargd them of it. 5

*Ib.*, fo. 49.

CVI.—*Grant by Alderman William Gregory of 52s. annually out of Premises in Barker Gate to be distributed in Bread to 12 poor people.*

1650, July 17.

THIS INDENTURE made the Seaventeenth day of July, in the yeare of our Lord God, accordeinge to the computation of the Church of England, One thousand sixe hundred and Fiftye, Betweene William Gregorie, of the Towne and County of the Towne of Nottingham, 10 gentleman, one of the Aldermen of the same Towne, on the one parte, William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, second sonne of John Gregorie, of the Towne and Countye aforesaid, gentleman, Adam Jackson, of the same Towne and County aforesaid, gentleman, Stephen Garner, of the Towne and County of the Towne 15 of Nottingham aforesaid, Apothecarie, and Robert Miller, of the Towne and Countye of the Towne of Nottingham, Tanner, on the other parte, WITNESSETH that the said William Gregorie, for the better benefitt, releefe, and susteynance of the poore of the Parish of Saint Marie, in the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, hath given, 20 graunted, and confirmed, And by theis presents, for him and his heires, Doth give, graunt, and confirme, vnto the said William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillip Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner, and Roberte Miller, their heyres and assignes, for ever, The yearely rent or some of Fifty<sup>2</sup> and two shillings of lawfull moneyes of 25 England yearely issueinge and goeing oute of Foure Messuages or tenementes sett, scituate<sup>3</sup> and beinge in the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, in a Streete or place there, called or knowne by the name of 'Barker gate,' in the Parish of Saint Marie in the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, and nowe or late in the seuerall tenures or 30 occupacions of William Crofts, Thomas Dafte, William Clifton, and John Lawrence, or some or one of them, their or some or one of their

<sup>1</sup> From a copy on paper.

<sup>2</sup> Fifty,] 'Fity,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> So MS.

assigne or assignes, To haue, hould, receaue, perceave,<sup>1</sup> and enjoye the  
 said yearely rent of Fiftye and twoe shillings to the said William  
 Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen  
 Garner, and Robert Miller, their heires and assignes for ever, att the  
 5 Feast of *Saint* Michael the Archangell, the feast of *Saint* Thomas  
 the appostle, the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin  
 Marye, and the feast of *Saint* John the Baptist, by even and equall  
 portions, the first payment thereof to beginne att or vpon the feast  
 of *Saint* Michael the Archangell next ensueinge the date hereof, In  
 10 especiall trust and confidence, and to the intent and purpose that the  
 said some of Fiftye and two shillings shalbe from tyme<sup>2</sup> to tyme for  
 ever hereafter respectuely paid, att the feasts before mencioned, vnto  
 and receaved by the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of  
 the said Parish of *Saint* Marie for the tyme beinge, and Twelvepence  
 15 thereof everie weeke from tyme to tyme for ever hereafter, to bee  
 bestowed in bread, and weekly vpon euery Saboth Day in the yeare  
 for ever hereafter respectuely, given and Distributed by the Church-  
 wardens and overseers of the poore of the said Parish for the tyme  
 beinge, to Twelue poore, old, and impotent persons of the said Parish,  
 20 to bee named and appointed from tyme to tyme for euer hereafter  
 by the present owner or owners of the Inheritance<sup>3</sup> of the said Four  
 Messuages or Tenements, and the Churchwardens and overseers of  
 the said poore of the said Parish for the tyme beinge respectuely, of  
 which said yearely rent of Fiftye and two shillings, to the vses, intents  
 25 and purposes aforesaid, the said William Gregorie hath put the said  
 William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillippe Gregorie, Adam Jackson,  
 Stephen Garner and Robert Miller, and their heires in full possession  
 and Seisin, by the Deliuerie of Sixe pence of lawfull moneyes of  
 England, parcell of the said rent, vnto the said William Flamsteed,  
 30 Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner and  
 Robert Miller, att the sealinge and Deliuerie of theis presents, And  
 the said William Gregorie, for himselfe and his heires, Doth graunte  
 and agree to and with the said William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge,  
 Phillipp Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner, and Robert  
 35 Miller, and euerye of them, theire and euerye of theire heires and  
 assignes respectuely, by theis presents, That if it shall happen the  
 said yearely rent of Fiftye and twoe Shillings, or any parte thereof,

<sup>1</sup> 'perceave,' to take. From Lat. *percipio*, I take.

<sup>2</sup> tyme,] 'tymes,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> Inheritance,] 'Iheritance,' MS.

to bee behind and vnpaid by the space of Tenne Dayes next after any of the said feasts or Dayes, att or vpon which the same ought to bee paid as aforesaid, that then and from thenceforth it shall and may bee lawfull to and for the said William Flamsteed, Ralph Edge, Phillipp Gregorie, Adam Jackson, Stephen Garner and 5 Robert Miller, and euerie or any of them, theire and euerie or any of their heires and assignes, and euerie or any of them, into the said Foure Messuages or Tenements and premisses aforesaid and euerye or any parte thereof to enter and Distreyne, and the Distresse and Distresses there found to take, leade, Drive, carrie awaye, and 10 impound, and the same in pounce to Deteyne and keepe vntill the said yearelye rent of Fiftye and twoe shillings and the arrerages thereof, if any shall be Due, shall bee fullye satisfied and paid.

IN WITNES WHEREOF, the parties first aboue named to theis present Indentures haue herevnto interchangablye putt their hands 15 and Seales the Day and yeare first aboue written.

Sealed and deliuered in the presence of

Steven Wilcock.

Raph Shaw.

Robt. Hough.

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Mary × Higgins, her marke.

John × Sympton his marke.

*Memorandum*, that Maister John Gregorie did, by his will, giue as much more to be paid as his father did out of the same houses.

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#### CVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1650, July 24.

*Quartermaister*.—It is agreed and voted, that Maister Daniell Sully shall continue quartermaister for this Towne, and shall haue ijs. vjd. *per Centum* for all that hee hath quartered, and that hee shall haue ijs. vjd. *per Centum* alsoe for all that hee shall quarter.

It is also agreed that they that hadd great charges putt on them 30 by the last Soldiers (about 60), that lay in the Towne on Saturday and Saboth day night last, shalbee sent for to ye officers to gett satisfaccion, if they can, and the parties to find out A messenger, or else some course to bee taken for an assessment for it, and the Constables to assesse it when ye some is knowne.

*Ib.*, fo. 50. 35

CVIII.—*Conveyance of the Fee-Farm Rent payable to the Crown.*

1650, September 3.

THIS INDENTURE made the Third day of September, In the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred and Fifty.

BETWEENE Thomas Coke, William Bosevile, John Sparrow, William Kenricke, Raph Harrison, William Scott, Esquires, William  
5 Steele, Recorder of London, Silvanus Taylor, Thomas Hubbard, Cornelius Coke, Esquires, John Hunt, gentleman, Sir Edward Barkham, Barronet, Sir William Roberts, Knight, John Humphreyes, Thomas Ayres, John White, James Stockall, Esquires, Edward Cressett, gentleman, Sir Richard Saltonstall, Knight, Daniell Searle,  
10 Marchant, Nicholas Lampriere, Nicholas Bond, Richard Sydenham, and Robert Fenwick, Esquires, nominated in an Act of this presente Parliament, intituled, 'An Act for selling the Fee-farme rents belonging to the Commonwealth of England, formerly payable to the Crowne of England, Dutchie of Lancaster and Dutchie of Cornwall,  
15 or any five of them,' are by the said Act, and also by one other Act, intituled, 'An Act for further explanacion of the former Act,' authorized to Contract, sell, and convey the said Fee-farme rents, and all Tenths or rents reserved, dry-rents, hundreds, liberties, Baylywicks, reservacions, Condicions, Franchises and Pencions, amongst other  
20 things mencioned in the said severall Acts, (Excepting such Tenths and pencions as in the said severall Acts are excepted), which by the said Acts are vested and settled in the said Trustees and their heires in such sort as in the said severall Acts is mencioned, of the one part, And the Maior and Burgesses of the Towne of Nottingham of the  
25 other part :

WITNESSETH, That the said Thomas Coke, William Bosevile, John Sparrow, William Kenrick, Raph Harrison, William Scott, William Steele, Silvanus Taylor, Thomas Hubbard, Cornelius Coke, John Hunt, Sir Edward Barkeham, Sir William Roberts, John  
30 Humphryes, Thomas Ayers, John White, James Stockall, Edward Cressett, Sir Richard Saltonstall, Daniell Searle, Nicholas Lampriere, Nicholas Bond, Richard Sydenham, and Robert Fenwick, the Trustees aforementioned, in pursuance of the said severall Acts, and by vertue and in execucion of the Powers and trusts thereby Committed to them,  
35 and in consideracion of the sume of five hundred fourescore-foure pounds, one shilling and Three pence of good and lawfull money of

England, which Thomas Andrewes and John Dethick, Aldermen of the Cittie of London, Treasurers appoynted by the said severall Acts to receave the same by writings vnder their hands bearing date the xvij<sup>th</sup> of June and xxvij<sup>th</sup> of July last past, One thousand six hundred and Fifty, have certified to bee paid and satisfied by the said Mayor 5 and Burgesses of the said Towne of Nottingham in such sort as by the said writings may appeare, HAVE GRAUNTED, bargained, sold, remised, released, and Confirmed, and by these *presents* doe for them, their heires and assignes, graunt, bargaine, sell, remise, Release, and Confirme vnto the said Mayor and Burgesses of the said Towne of 10 Nottingham and their Successors,

ALL that annuall rent of Fifty foure pounds and Twelve shillings in mony, anciently being Fifty-two pounds blanck or white money, reserved, issueing, and payable out of and for the Farme of the Burrough or Towne of Nottingham in the County of the Towne of 15 Nottingham, which in the Particular thereof, is mencioned to have bene parcell of the possessions of the ancient Crowne of England, and to have bene graunted and confirmed by Charter of the late King Henry the third, bearing date the foure and twentyth day of February, in the foureteenth yeare of his raigne, Vnto the then 20 Burgesses<sup>1</sup> of Nottingham and their heires, To be paid therefore by their hands at the King's Exchequer at two termes in the yeare, (That is to say), at the Clause of Easter, Twenty-six pounds blanck or white money, and *in Octabis Sancti Michaelis*,<sup>2</sup> the other Twenty- 25 six pounds blanck or white money, And also all that rent of Encrease 25 of eight pounds reserved, issueing, and payable out of and for the Farme of the Burrough or Towne of Nottingham in the County of the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid, which was taken into the hands of Edward the first, heretofore king of England, for certayne Transgressions which the Burgesses and Commonalty of the Towne afore- 30 said had made in the same, which said *premisses* are mencioned in the Particular to have bene parcell of the possessions of the Ancient Crowne of England, And to have bene graunted by Charter of the said King Edward the first, bearing date the Twelveth day of February in the Twelveth yeare of his raigne, to the said Burgesses 35 and Commonalty of Nottingham aforesaid, and their Successors, paying therefore yearly the said rent of Eight pounds ; And also all

<sup>1</sup> Burgesses,] 'Burgessesses,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: In the octaves of Saint Michael.

that rent of Encrease of Thirteene shillings and fourepence reserved, issuing, and payable out of and for the Fee farme of the Towne of Nottingham, and for divers Franchises and liberties, which said premisses are mencioned in the particular thereof to have bene parcell  
5 of the possessions of the Ancient Crowne of England, and to have bene graunted and confirmed by Letters Pattents of Henry the Sixt, heretofore King of England, in the nyne and Twentieth yeare of his raigne, to the Mayor, Aldermen<sup>1</sup> and Burgesses of the Towne aforesaid, paying therefore yearely the said rent of Thirteene Shillings and  
10 foure pence ; And also all that Annuall rent of Thirty-two shillings and six pence reserved, issuing, and payable as followeth (That is to say), out of the Revenues of many houses in the Towne of Nottingham aforesaid the sume of Twenty-three Shillings and sixpence by the  
15 yeare, And out of the Tofts of the Coyners of money, with the increase thereof, the sume of nyne shillings by the yeare, payable by ye men of the Towne of Nottingham, As by the great Roll of the Exchequer of ye Seaventh yeare of John, once King of England, and ye Annuall Roll of the Exchequer may appeare, which together  
20 amount to the said rent of Thirty-two shillings and sixpence ; and also all that Annuall rent of one penny reserved, issuing, and payable out of and for that Tenement in Nottingham which was the Tenement of Moses, of Snabur, the Jew, and out of that Tenement in the same towne which was lately the Tenement of Peytengnonce the Jew, of Nottingham, and Elias his Sonne, and out of the house which was the  
25 Schoole of the Jewes in the same Towne, which said last mencioned premisses are mencioned in the Particular thereof to have bene graunted by Edward the first, heretofore King of England, bearing date the Fift day of May, in the Twentieth yeare of his raigne, to Hugh Puterell, of Thurmenton, and his heires for ever, paying  
30 therefore yearely to the Exchequer, at Michaelmas, by the hands of the Baylieffe of Nottingham for the tyme being, the said yearely rent of one penny, as by the Particular thereof, certified to the said Trustees, vnder the hand of Sir Henry Croke, Knight, Clerke of the Pipe, the seaven and Twentieth day of Aprill, one thousand six  
35 hundred and fifty, according to the direccion of the said severall Acts, and remayning, with the Register, to the said Trustees, and as by the

<sup>1</sup> Aldermen,'] 'Men,' MS.

said letters Pattents themselves, relac<sup>i</sup>on being therevnto had, may more fully and at large appeare ;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Annuall rent of Fifty-foure pounds, twelve shillings, being anciently fifty-two pounds blanch or White money, And the rent of Encrease of Eight pounds, and the 5 rent of encrease of thirteene shillings foure pence, and the yearly rent of Thirty-two shillings and sixpence, and the yearly rent of one penny, and every of them, and every part and parcell of them, and every of them, reserved and payable as aforesaid, To the said Maior and Burgesses of the towne of Nottingham and their Successors, to 10 the only vse and behoofe of the said Maior and Burgesses of the said Towne of Nottingham and their Successors for ever, as fully and amply as the said Trustees, or any of them, by the said severall Acts, or either of them, are enabled to Convey the same, and as Amply as by the severall Acts, or either of them, is enacted or *provided* in that behalfe. 15

IN WITNES whereof the parties first above-named to these *presente* Indentures Interchangeably have sett their hands and Seales the day and yeare first above written.<sup>1</sup> 4680.

CIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1650, September 6.

*Coales.*<sup>2</sup>—Resolved by this company, in respect of the force of ye water, and the greatnes of the charge in sinckinge, that the pitts bee 20 sunck noe deeper ; and that soe soone as may bee, they make triall by boareinge, whether coales or noe coales in ye Coppice.

3424, fo. 55.

1650, November 7.

*Pitts.*—<sup>3</sup>Agreed, ye pitts to bee covered : or else some to take ye wood for y<sup>r</sup><sup>4</sup> labor to fill them vpp : and Maister Jackson and John 25 Hewood first to haue notice hereof.

3425, fo. 29.

<sup>1</sup> The signatures and seals of Coke, Harrison, Humfrey, Sydenham, and Taylor are appended to this document, which is thus indorsed :—<sup>4</sup>Sealed and delivered in the presence of Tho. Wheatley : Clement Baker, Clerke attending the Trustees.<sup>5</sup> The Conveyance was ignored by Charles II., and the fee-farm rents throughout the kingdom were subsequently sold by him to

private individuals. The Corporation of Nottingham actually continued to pay the rent to private persons till May 6, 1891, when a second and final Conveyance was effected.

<sup>2</sup> Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 797-8.

<sup>3</sup> Quoted in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 798.

<sup>4</sup> y<sup>r</sup>=their.

CX.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1650-1.

*Presents and Rewards.*

<i>Paid</i> for a sid of mutton, a side of veale, five quarts of sacke, sent to Collonell Peirpoynte by a order from		li.	s.	d.
<i>Maister</i> Maior . . . . .		1	5	6
5	<i>Paid</i> <i>Maister</i> John Drewery, by a order from <i>Maister</i> Maior, for a mutton and a veale to present to Collonell Huchinson and Gouvernor Poulton . . . . .	1	18	6
	<i>Paid</i> for wine att the same time . . . . .	0	6	8
		1652, fo. 3.		

10 *Necessary Expences.*

	<i>Paid</i> to <i>Maister</i> Maior, by his order, to pay <i>Maister</i> Mott- locke about the towne's fee farme . . . . .	3	8	6
		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 6.		
15	<i>Paid</i> , by a order from <i>Maister</i> Maior, for wine drunke with Collonell Pride and others . . . . .	0	6	0
		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 7.		
	<i>Paid</i> to John Fishe, by a order from <i>Maister</i> Maior, for sicke and lame Souldiars . . . . .	2	0	0
	<i>Paid</i> to John Plattes, by a order from <i>Maister</i> Maior, for the passing away of 40 soldiars . . . . .	0	10	0
20	<i>Paid</i> to John Plattes, by a order from <i>Maister</i> Maior, for sick and lame Soldiars . . . . .	1	0	0
	<i>Paid</i> to Ralfe Shawe, by a order from <i>Maister</i> Maior, for sicke and lame soldiars . . . . .	0	5	0
25	<i>Paid</i> to Robert Ward, by a order from <i>Maister</i> Maior, for Candells and drinke for sick souldiars . . . . .	0	6	5
		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 8.		

*Necessary Reparacions.*

30	<i>Paid</i> to Widdow Bennett for a Iron sweape <sup>1</sup> for the pompe att the Narrowe Marshe end, and a Milnestone their	0	2	0
	<i>Paid</i> to Peeter Bradshaw for brick, lime, and workman- shipe for the well att the Narrowe Marshe end . . . . .	0	3	0
		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 14.		
	<i>Paid</i> to Robert Barnes for making a key for the prisson dore	0	1	0

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, handle.

*Paid* to Richard Taske and Franckin for dressing the  
 prisson Chimney, being sett one fyer . . . o 1 8  
*Ib.*, fo. 22.

CXI.—*Will of John Patten.*<sup>1</sup>

October 8, 1651.

BEE IT REMEMBRED, That on or about the Eight Daye of  
 October, in the Yeare of our Lord 1651, John Patten, of the parishe 5  
 of *Saint Marie's*, in Nottingham, Brickmaker, beinge weake in body,  
 but of good and perfecte remembrance,<sup>2</sup> haueinge an intent and  
 meaninge to make his last will and Testament, Did nuncupatively,<sup>3</sup>  
 or by word of mouth, vtter these words, or to the same effecte,  
 following, viz<sup>4</sup>: 'My will and meaninge is, That George Arnall, 10  
 Stephen Hill, of the same Towne and County aforesaid, Whom I  
 repose trust in, doe see mee Decently brought to the graue, and haue  
 the disposinge of that estate the Lord hath lent mee, as followeth:  
 That it shalbee lawfull for them to receaue all the money that shalbe  
 found Due to mee in my life-tyme, or after, vpon bond, bill, or any 15  
 lawfull witnes, as they shall see occasion, and that the vse of the  
 same be distributed to the poore of the parishe of *Saint Marie's* in  
 Nottingham aforesaid, soe much as shall come to their hands, att  
 twoe severall feasts in the yeare, that is to saye, on *Saint Thomas*  
 Daye next before Christmas, and on Fridaye next before Easter, for 20  
 ever, by them or their Successors. And<sup>4</sup> the rent of the howse  
 that George Arnall doth hould by lease from mee, and one other  
 that Stephen Hill doth hould by lease alsoe, shall be for the repaire  
 of one little howse, now in the tenure of Ann Awtoft and Margerie  
 Rooke, for there vse, soe longe as the said Ann Awtoft shall liue, and 25  
 the said Margerie Rooke shall keepe her selfe vnmarried, and that  
 those<sup>5</sup> goods that are in the howse may remaine for their vse, and  
 those that shall come after them, and whom soever the said George  
 Arnall and Stephen Hill or their Successors shall appointe, to bee  
 an Almes house for ever; And if there shall spare<sup>6</sup> any of the said 30  
 rent more then<sup>7</sup> will repaire the said howse, that it shalbe allowed to  
 the said poore towards buyinge them Coles or other things necessarie

<sup>1</sup> From a copy on paper.

<sup>2</sup> remembrance,] 'remem~~br~~ance,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> 'nuncupatively' = verbally.

<sup>4</sup> 'for' unnecessarily inserted in MS.

<sup>5</sup> those,] 'theose,' MS.

<sup>6</sup> 'spare' = be to spare.

<sup>7</sup> 'more then' = more than.

for them and their successors for ever.' And did appointe the said George Arnall and Stephen Hill to bee his executors.

In the presence and hearinge of Robert Shipman, Ann Awtofte, and Margerie Rooke, witnesses therevnto, allowed and required, and 5 others; the marke of Margerie Rooke. 4682.

CXII.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1651, Thursday, October 30.

*Ministers.*—This company are agreed and doe order that there shall hereafter bee tenn pownds A yeare paid to the Ministers of each parish<sup>1</sup> A peece, to witt, to each parish x. li. *per annum*, in all xx. li. *per annum*, to bee paid them quarterly by the Chamberlins, 10 the first quarter to begin at Christmas next, the said payment to continue soe longe as the company thincks fitt. 3426, fo. 27.

CXIII.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1651, November 16.

Towne of Nottingham: The 16th Day of November, 1651.

The Examinacion of Zacharia Slater, of Witham-on-ye-hill, in the County of Lyncolne, Weaver, Taken before Maister Richard 15 Dringe, Mayor of the said Towne of Nottingham, as followeth:

Saith, that hee was a Trooper vnder Major Horseman, and beinge disbanded about 3 weeks since, saith hee left a gray horse that hee tooke at Worcester faight, nere Newport, and goeing from Welbie, nere Grantham, where his Maister Eversatt liueth, Came in the 20 Night time nere Belvoyer,<sup>2</sup> and there tooke a younge Iron gray Coult, and Out of partt of the horse-taile, and, Comeinge to Nottingham, there was staid, and, Further, saith, that hee intended<sup>3</sup> to burrow the horse, to ridd some partt of his way, to fetch that hee lefte nere Newport. Zachara Slater. 85, ro. 15.

CXIV.—*Articles exhibited by Robert Malin, a Sheriff of Nottingham, against John Spencer.*

1651, December 18.

25 <sup>4</sup>Artickles exhibited by Robert Malin, Gentleman, one of the Sheriffes of the Towne of Nottingham, Against John Spencer, of the same Towne, as followeth:—

<sup>1</sup> St. Mary's and St. Peter's.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, Belvoir.

<sup>3</sup> intended], 'indented,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> These 'artickles' are written on thin paper, and in ink so faded that some of the words are scarcely decipherable.

*Inprimis*, the said John Spencer, in the Church, before many gentlemen and Townsemen, vseinge many vnreuerant and vncivell speeches, Called the said Robert Malin, 'Jack boye' and 'proud boye,' sayeing hee was as good a man as hee, settinge his place or office aside.

*Item*, the said John Spencer, in the same place, before those gentlemen, Said the said Robert Malyn was 'A shitten boye,' or 'lad.'

*Item*, the said John Spencer, in the said Church, and before many gentlemen, and before the magistrates of the Towne, said the said Robert Malin was 'A proud Boy,' and that 'it was neuer good 10 world since such boys as hee bore office in the Towne,' with many other vnreuerant, vndecent and vncivell languages, tendinge to the great disgrace and disparidgement of the said Robert Malin, being an officer of the Towne, and before soe many gentlemen.

Wherefore the said Robert Malin humbly Craueth that the said 15 John Spencer might be bound to the good behaiour.

Maister Malyn sworne to the<sup>1</sup> . . . .

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CXV.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1651-2.

*Presents and Rewards.*

Sente To Coronall <sup>2</sup> Parpounte one side of uele, one side	20
of mutton, one ribe of befe, and too bottill of	li. s. d.
Wine; som . . . . .	1 13 6
<i>Item</i> , payd for wine and suger presented by the Majer and	
his Brethren to Commisary Genrall Whaley . . . . .	00 14 08
<i>Item</i> , payd for halfe a mutton, and halfe a veale, and two	25
quartes and ½ a pinte of Sacke, presented to	
Collonell Hutchinson . . . . .	01 09 00
<i>Item</i> , payd for wyne and suger presented to the Erlle of	
Clare . . . . .	0 13 3
	1653, fo. 3. 30

*Necessary Expences.*

Pade to Master Auditor for inroulinge the deede for the	
Corporation for the fee farme rente . . . . .	1 6 8

<sup>1</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>2</sup> Coronall,] 'Cororonall,' MS.

- Pade to Will Lauson, by the apointement of Master Meior,  
for quartrin of a sike soulger . . . . . 0 6 0
- Pade To Master Cornis for quartrin seuen Wagin horses  
and 3 men, for ther hay and corne and dyet, by the  
5 apointement of Master Mere . . . . . 0 16 2
- Pade to Widdo Stere for quartrin of Soulgers, by the  
a pounmente<sup>1</sup> of Master Meior . . . . . 0 12 0
- Pade to John Wolle, by Mester Maïour[s] apountemente,  
for Exchange of the Towne's peuter . . . . . 0 8 4
- 10 . . . . . *Ib.*, fo. 5.
- Pade to John Wolle, by Master Meiore[s] a pointemente, for  
sike soulyers goinge out of the Toune . . . . . 0 2 6
- Pade to John Wolle for the Middiltorne Diner at Saint  
Ann's Well . . . . . 1 4 0
- 15 Pade to Master Storlo for gildin' the twone's<sup>2</sup> mase and  
settin the state's armes one it . . . . . 1 15 0
- . . . . . *Ib.*, fo. 6.
- Pade to Heneri Harison for dresin 12 holberdes . . . . . 0 3 4
- Item*, payd to Roberte Lacie for washing out the kinge's  
20 armes and the prince's armes, and for setting vp the  
boardes in the Hall, for Reales, and a peice of li. s. d.  
Wood to William Blood . . . . . 00 07 00
- . . . . . *Ib.*, fo. 7.
- Item*, for money giuen to lame Souldieres with pases, and  
25 foure lame souldieres out of Ireland, and other  
nessesitated<sup>3</sup> people, as may apeare by a lardger bill 01 03 01
- . . . . . *Ib.*, fo. 8.

CXVI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1651-2, January 30.

*Burges.*—Ordered, from henceforth none shall bee sworne burges  
till they bee 21 years of age. . . . . 3426, fo. 33.

1652, Thursday, April 1.

- 30 *Dyers' signe posts.*—This company order and agree, that all ye  
signe poasts (that are not for Inns), on which dyers hang their cloth,  
bee taken downe, and that noe dyer shall hange vpp his cloth vpon  
any posts, as they vse to doe, but shall hange their cloth close to ye

<sup>1</sup> a pounmente = appointment.<sup>2</sup> twone's = town's.<sup>3</sup> nessesitated = necessitous.

walls, and keepe it vpon stalls ; and *Maister* Maior, with ye assistance of his breethren, is desired to see it done, in regard the hangeing cloth vpon signe posts blinds Many burgesses and other men's shoppes.

*Gownes*.—This company takeing gownes into consideracion, ye 5  
Maior<sup>1</sup> parte thinke fitt not for to haue gownes worne generally, as before.

*Ib.*, fo. 35.

1652, Thursday, May 27.

*Signe posts : dyers*.—Agreed, *Maister* Maior, with some of the breethren and Company, and Constables, to procure ye dyers to hange theire cloth on ye wall-side, and not on ye signe posts.<sup>2</sup> 10

*Ib.*, fo. 39.

1652, September 27.

*Maister Flamsteed*.—This Company are agreed and voted (none contradictinge), that *Maister* Flamsteed bee appointed and placed in any such office and place as ye Parliament shall appoint or settle for inroleinge, Regestering, or enteringe of deeds, bargaines, contracts, 15 Statutes, and of all other busines in this Towne, and that A letter bee sent, and is this day accordingly signed by all the Company, to that purpose, to *Maister* Pierrepont ; and *Maister* Millington to gett *Maister* Flamsteed settled in such office and place, and that they bee desired to take care that hee bee in, and that none else may bee putt 20 in : ye letter read and signed.

*Markett*.—And also yat they bee desired that if there bee A necessity that our markett must bee altered, that then it may bee on ye Fryday.

*Colonell Chadwicke*.—Vppon ye Question, who shalbee nominated 25 deputy Recorder to ye Earle of Clare (hee haueinge giuen leaue to this Companye for choise of one in ye roome of *Maister* [Clement] Spelman, who leaues ye place), it is voted and agreed that *Colonell* James Chadwick bee Deputy Recorder to ye Earle of Clare.<sup>3</sup> And that hee is not to bee sworne, but haue the fower pownds A yeare, 30 ye old fee for execucion of the place.

*Thomas Burges* acknowledges his fault in abuseinge the company in words, and submitts, and this Company are willinge to passe it by.

<sup>1</sup> Maior=major.

<sup>2</sup> A 'stoope,' or sign post, of Mr. Humphrey Greaves was subsequently

ordered to be taken down, to prevent dyers hanging cloth thereon.

<sup>3</sup> Clare], 'Clarke,' MS.

Ye words of abuse were vpon<sup>1</sup> sweareinge [Robert] Throne burges, for sayeinge 'hee thought they,' meaninge ye company, 'would sweare ye deuill burges.'<sup>2</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 51.

CXVII.—*Extracts from the Pay-book of a regiment which served in Scotland and the Orkneys; 1652-5.*<sup>3</sup>

1652.

Clothes received for ye Company October ye 2d, 1652.

	li.	s.	d.
5 <i>Imprimis</i> , 25 Coats and breeches at 17s. ye suit . . . . .	21	05	00
<i>Item</i> , 66 pairs of shoes at 2s. 8d. . . . .	08	16	00
<i>Item</i> , 41 shirts at 3s. . . . .	06	03	00
	36	04	00

4686 (on cover).

10 Moneys Received in Orkney by my Lieutenant for the payment of my Company during my absence from ye Regiment.

*Imprimis*, One Moneth's pay for officers and soldjers according to ye muster of Dundee . . . . . 145 00 00

*Item*,<sup>4</sup> one Monthe's pay for officers, and 14 days' pay for soldjers at ye Establish'd rate, or 5 weekes at 2s. 4d. per weeke upon Aberdene muster . . . . . 087 19 04

*Item*, more upon ye same Muster one Moneth's full pay for Officers and 7 weekes' pay for soldjers at 2s. 4d. per weeke . . . . . 75 08 08

*Item*, one fortnight's full pay for officers and Soldjers 59 10 00

*Item*, more a fortnight's full pay for officers, and a weeke's for Soldjers at 2s. 4d. per weeke . . . . . 26 00 04

*Ib.*, fo. 8.

October ye 5<sup>th</sup>, 1652.

25 Received then of my Lieutenant Colonell in money and Clothes, being 26 weekes' pay for Commission officers, whereof 8 weekes onely for ye Ensigns,

<sup>1</sup> vpon], 'vvpon,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> Burges was granted 'Widow Pye's' part in Westcroft at 40s. rent on 24 Oct., 1654.

<sup>3</sup> The Pay-book is an oblong book of

thirty-three pages. Only a few extracts are given. The regiment was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Sawrey and Captain John Gillott.

<sup>4</sup> 'Item' = item.

11 weekes for *Sarjeants*, 9 weekes for *Corporalls*  
and Drums with<sup>1</sup> 8 weekes' pay for private  
soldjers, *which* is reckoned to be in full of all  
Accounts to officers and souldjers to ye 20<sup>th</sup> of  
September last . . . . .

279 17 08 5

*Ib.*, fo. 16.November ye 2<sup>d</sup>, 1652.

Received then of My Collonell, being sixe weekes'  
pay for officers, according to Establishment,  
and sixe weekes for Souldjers at foure pence  
*per diem*, uppon the muster of ye 18<sup>o</sup> of  
October, 1652 . . . . .

097 06 00

*Ib.*, fo. 18.CXVIII.—*Presentments of the Mickleton Jury.*

1653, October 17.

We present Thomas Lupton for settinge vp three pillars in  
Brightmore Hill.

We present Maister Fillingham for ye licke<sup>2</sup> in ye Vault lane. 15

Maister Athrian Garner for settinge vp 2 Pillars in Walnutree lane.

Maister Thomas Smith for incrochinge with a banke in Hunge  
gate.

Frances Cooke for streaightening ye way with two pilars near ye  
Freare Lane. 20

Wee present Maister Coumes for incroching with pilars in Bear-  
ward lane.

*Item*, George Arnald for A Porch in Barker gate.

*Item*, Maister Loueit for Incrochinge with a bay window in ye  
Raton<sup>3</sup> rowe. 25

William Petty, senior, for anoyinge Peeter's Churchyard wall with  
Shaueings.

William Petty for a porch in Weelerightgat.

*Item*, we present Thomas Winter for Makeinge a midinge<sup>4</sup> Nie ye  
Hall. 30

We present Maister Henery Milner for A porch in Pilchergate  
anoyinge ye street.

<sup>1</sup> 'with' repeated in MS.<sup>2</sup> licke = like.<sup>3</sup> Sometimes called 'Rotten Row.'<sup>4</sup> dunghill.

Wee present Alderman Gamble for Incroching with a wall in Flecher gate.

*Item*, wee present Maister Barnabey Whatnabey for anoyinge Stoney street with wood.

5 Wee present Maister Doctor Huthwicke for anoyinge and Incroching in Worser gate with porch and pales.

Captin Richards for Incroching with a porch in Norrow Morch.

Maister Alderman Dringe for the licke.

Wee present Leutenant Lupton for Incroching with 2 stopes<sup>1</sup> in  
10 ye Hie pauement.

We present John Adcocke for incroching in Bridlesmith gate with a bricke wall, and 2 Hols without grates.

Also, wee present Maister Josuha Hill for not walkinge ye Middleturne walke, accordinge to His Othe.

15 Wee Humbly Craue that all these faults afore writen may be reformed. 2790.

#### CXIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1653, Tuesday, December 13.

*Waites*.<sup>2</sup>—This Companie haue ordered and agreed thatt the Towne shall haue waites as formerly ; and, vpon inquirie, yf anie can be gotten, to be interteyned, yf they bee honeste men and good  
20 Musicions, and to haue some allowance from the towne.

1653, December 21.

*Protector proclaymed, and Maister Greaves sworne a Counsellor*.—The xx<sup>i</sup><sup>th</sup> day of December, 1653, my Lord Generall Cromwell was proclaymed Lord Protector of the Three nations of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Maister Toplady, Maior, Maister Chadwicke,  
25 Deputie Recorder, fyue Aldermen, the Coroner, Sheriffs, Chamberlaynes, and most of the Clothinge, and 50 Commoners present. And then was Robert Greaves, the Towne Clarke, ellected and Sworne Councillor in the Roomth of Maister Tomlyn, deceased. 3427, fo. 25.

#### CXX.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1654, April 10.

*By the East partt of the towne.*

30 *Item*, wee present Oliue Hancocke for absenting herselfe from the Churche for three months last past, being of the age of 60 yeres.

<sup>1</sup> posts.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 888.

*Item*, wee present Mary Cooke for the like, beinge of the age of 30 yeares. 86, ro. 36.

The Worshipfull Maior and Aldermen Woulde be pleased to soe presse<sup>1</sup> those seaverall flockes of sheepe which doth soe dake<sup>2</sup> vp and opresse the Commons, that noe poore Man can keepe nether 5 Horse nor Cow one them, besyds the trespass vpon all Corne and Grasse that butts vpon the Commons: wee poore men desires you to Consider of these our wants:<sup>3</sup>

*Maister Maior and his brethren will take some coorse for the Remedy of this grevance soe 10 farr forth as by lawe they shalbe warranted.*

86, ro. 42.

CXXI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1654, April 25.

*Ministers' dynners.*<sup>4</sup>—The ministers' dynners everie Wednesday to bee henceforward paied by the Chamberlaynes. 3427, fo. 30.

*Lyuerrey cloake for H. Greaves.*<sup>5</sup>—This Companie doe approue of 15 *Mistris* Maior's and *Mistresses* Aldresses<sup>6</sup> requeste touchinge a liverie Cloake for *Maister* Homfrey Greaves, thatt Waites on them, soe thatt the Tryminge be nott gawdy, but Civell.<sup>7</sup>

*Waites.*<sup>8</sup>—The waites are approved on by the Companie, and allowed on, and are to haue fortye shillings a yeare from the Towne 20 for their Wages, as other men haue had, their predecessors; and to haue everie second yeare Cloaks instead of Coats. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1654, Thursday, June 1.

Vpon *Maister* Alderman Drewrie's *Mocion*, thatt noe man of this Companie doe ingage himselfe for his voice in the nexte elleccion of the Burgesses for this Towne for the nexte ensewinge *parliament*, the 25 *mocion* is well lyked of and agreed vnto by this Companie, thatt they will not ingage to anie. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

1654, July 11.

<sup>9</sup>These votes by this Companie, sett vpon their names, doe hold

<sup>1</sup> soe presse = suppress.

<sup>2</sup> dake = take.

<sup>3</sup> Eight signatures follow.

<sup>4</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 838.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 843.

<sup>6</sup> Aldresses = Aldermanesses.

<sup>7</sup> 'Civil,' sober, not showy. Cf. Milton's 'civil-suited morn.'

<sup>8</sup> Noticed in Bailey, ii., p. 843.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 844.

ytt Convenient thatt Collonell Chadwicke and Maister Mason bee<sup>1</sup> elected Burgesses for this towne for this insewing parliament.<sup>2</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 36.

1654, Wednesday, August 9.

<sup>3</sup>This meetinge was to speake with Lawrence Collens aboute a  
 5 petition (as ytt seemeth hee preferred to my Lord protector), alledg-  
 inge hee was denyed by the Magistrates of this towne to vse his  
 trade<sup>4</sup> and callinge; the petition was nott shewed, butt a letter  
 written by Maister Lisley Longe to Maister Piggott in his behalfe,  
 the saied Maister Longe beinge one of the Maisters of Requeste to  
 10 my Lord Protector; Wherevpon, Lawrence Collyn beinge called into  
 the Councell-howse, ytt was proposed to him to see the petition, and  
 asked him whether hee moved the Companie att anie tyme, or was  
 interrupted in his callinge; hee saied hee neither moved them, touch-  
 inge his freedome, nor was interrupted by them att anie tyme. The  
 15 Companie, by Maister Recorder, made him these offers; thatt hee  
 mighte haue libertye to Contynewe in the towne soe longe as hee  
 pleased, and to followe his Callinge withoute interupcion (the same  
 Callinge hee nowe vseth): And to be freed from Tolls, as much as  
 anie freeman or Burgesse: And to haue as free benifitt of the  
 20 Common as anie Burgesse. And this beinge delivered to him by  
 Maister Recorder, hee saied this would nott Content him, butt hee  
 desired to be a Burgesse; Butt att the nexte meetinge followinge  
 hee came to the hall, before the Companie, And thanckfully accepted  
 of their frendly offers touchinge his desires, *which* was, thatt hee  
 25 should haue free libertye to vse his trade of a Woll buyer, and  
 Jersye-Comer<sup>5</sup> in the towne of Nottingham: And to haue a  
 Constatt<sup>6</sup> made him vnder the vsuall Seale, to signifye his adm[i]t-  
 tance to be a freeman of the towne of Nottingham, and Consequently,  
 by Vertue thereof, to haue free passage thoroughoute all England,  
 30 aswell in faires and Marketts as without, withoute payinge of Toll, as  
 by the saied Constate<sup>6</sup> vnder Seale, and in his keepinge, more fully  
 and att lardge appeareth.

*Ib.*, fo. 39.

<sup>1</sup> bee,] 'to bee,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> Out of 27 present, 25, including the Mayor and Messrs. Chadwicke and Mason, voted for the Colonel and Mr. Mason.

<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., p. 845.

<sup>4</sup> Of wool-comber.

<sup>5</sup> Comer = comber.

<sup>6</sup> A certificate. 'Constatt' and 'Constate' for *constat* (Lat.), it appears; leading words of the certificate.

1654, September 27.

The Waites to haue everie Second yeare Cloaks in stead of Coats.

*Ib.*, fo. 43.

1654, October 6.

*The Mace Crownes.*—<sup>1</sup>And the Twelve Crownes taken from the Mace are in Maister Alderman Drewrie's hand.

3428, fo. 17.

1654, October 12.

*Scavenger.*—<sup>2</sup>Vpon Conference had with Robert Hassard touching Clensing of the Markett-place, and other streets in the towne, this Companie are willinge to allowe him iiij. li. a yeare, which hee hath refused: therefore Maister Drewrie hath promised to fynde one thatt will doe ytt for iiij. li. *per annum*.

*Ib.*, fo. 19.

1654, Tuesday, October 24.

*Scavenger.*—<sup>2</sup>This Companie haue agreed with Robert Hassard to be Scavenger for one yeare nowe nexte enswinge, att v. li. xs., and to be carefull and diligent in this ymployment, in places allreddy assigned him.

*x. li. to our Burgesses.*—This Companie are allsoc agreed thatt theire shalbe sentt vpp to our Burgesses, Maister Chadwicke and Maister Mason, v. li. a peice, and xxs. to Henrie Smith: 11 li. os. od.

*Ib.*, fo. 21.

1654, Tuesday, December 19.

*Order for Butchers' stalls.*—Ytt is ordered by this Companie, thatt when anie Butcher shall dye thatt holds a stall or shopp from the towne, thatt then his wyfe or sonne shall hould the same stall or shopp, they vsinge the same trade, otherwaies the towne to dispose thereof to him or them thatt will give moste for the stall or shopp: this order to bee lykewise to them thatt houlds a stall in the Spice-chambers.

*Waits.*—Ytt is ordered thatt the Waites shall have scuttcions made them as formerly, they puttinge in securitie yearely for to restore them to the towne vpon demaund.

*Ministers x. li., etc.*—This Companie doe order thatt the ministers of Saint Marie's shall haue x. li. from the towne's stocke towards fynishinge of their howse, and lykewise x. li. more is to be allowed to Saint Peters for repayringe their Lofte.

*Ib.*, fo. 25. 30

<sup>1</sup> This minute succeeds some other unimportant entries.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey under year 1640, vol. ii., pp. 644-5.

1654-5, Thursday, January 18.

The waits' Cloake in Barthollmewe's custody, and pawned to him, as Maister Smithe informes, for xxs., to be Remembered. *Ib.*, fo. 26.

*Vicaridge howse.*—Maister Garner, Maister Malyn, and the Chamberlaynes are required to vewe the Vicaridge howse, and to see howe Conveniently there may be a parcell of the towne's waste spared for the settinge vpp of pales and a porttche theire, for the minister's conveniencye, and to make theire reportt to the howse, thatt the same may be ordered.

*Treasurer for the towne.*—Maister Sully is desired and nominated to be the Treasurer for the towne's monie, and to haue the ouersight of the Towne's monie and bonds, by and with the Consent and allowance of Maister Maior, Aldermen and Councell, and to haue fortye shillings by yeare for his paines. *Ib.*, fo. 27.

1655, Tuesday, August 14.

*Gownes.*—The Companie meetinge this day aboute the nomination of the newe Maior att *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> nexte, ytt was moued thatt the antient custome of wearinge of gownes by the Cloathing and Councell should be Contynewed, and thatt, att the nexte meetinge of a full Companie, this busines of wearinge of gownes to be drawne to some nerer conclusion. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

1655, Tuesday, September 24.

*Order: Stalls.*—Itt is ordered thatt noe stalls shalbe sufferd to stand in the markett place butt on the markett day onely, vpon paine of forfeytur of xijd. fyne for everie defaulte, and thatt the Bellman shall give notice thatt noe stalls bee sett in the markett-place after Monday nexte, butt on the markett day onely.

This Companie haue voted to haue Gownes, and ytt is agreed thatt the same Gownes shalbe Made and redde to be worne before the nexte assises, vpon payne of forfeytur of v. li. for everie defaulte herein, without anie abatement yf Maister Recorder doe approue of the way to lerye the same fyne,<sup>2</sup> and all the Cloathing thatt doe anie service in elleccions, and all the Common Councell, to be concerned in this order touchinge Gownes. *Ib.*, fo. 46.

1655, September 27.

*Fild Reeves.*—Maister Cooper, Captayne Richards, Brian Gray, and William Archers to be Feild Reeves for this yeare enswinge,

<sup>1</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

<sup>2</sup> The words in italic are underlined in the MS.

and to be carefull to discouer whatt sheepe anie man hath in the feildes aboute the Styntt, and whatt foreyners intercommon in the feilds with vs ; and to ympownd such sheepe as shalbe fownd damage *Feasant*<sup>1</sup> by reason of Surchardginge the Common or otherwaies.

*Ib.*, fo. 47. 5

CXXII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1655, October 19.

Wee present William Thorpe for Incroching with a Celler in Saint Mary gat : *rented*.

Wee present Maister Leland for a Celler steeres ling open to the March, to the great danger of pashingers.

Wee pressent Maister John Fillingham for Incroching with a Chimnie in Valt lane : *rented*. 10

We present Thomas Radford for anoyinge ye Swyne greene with an Issue : *xijd*.

Wee present William Mabbott for Incrotching with his postes in the street one the Longe Rowe. 15

Wee present Maister Samell Ryle for the like.

Wee present Maister Thomas Huthwaite, Maior, for the like.

Wee present Alderman Topladie for the like.

Wee present Maister Phillingham for the like.

Wee present Maister Henery Sherwine for the like. 20

Wee present Maister John Chamberlin for the like.

Wee present Ch[r]istofer Hall for the like. 279l.

CXXIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1655-6, Thursday, January 17.

*Maister Whittchurch*.<sup>2</sup>—This Companie havinge taken into Consideracion the weaknes of Maister Whittchurch,<sup>3</sup> and beinge pleased to give all assistance and ayde vnto him in this tyme of his weakenes, are Content to allowe him v. li. a quarter, towards the procuringe of an able and sufficient man to assiste him in the dischargd of his Cure ; and this allowance to haue Contynuanee duringe the pleasure of this Companie onely. 3429, fo. 36.

<sup>1</sup> Feasant=faisant (Fr.), doing, committing, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. ii., pp. 847-8.

<sup>3</sup> Rector of St. Peter's.

1656, April 25.

Maister Drewrie, Alderman, Maister Garner, Maister Cooper, Maister Bayly, Maister Whitbye, Maister Sulley, [and] Maister Hawkyns—

1. Are to take into Consideracion, howe and by Whatt way and  
5 meanes oute buildings and incroachments may be punished and reformed, thatt are allready made, and others for tyme to come to bee prevented.

2. Whatt is the beste way to advance the profitts of the Towne's Mills.

10 3. To punish offenders that haue lett the Towne's Lands to forreyners,<sup>1</sup> and to prevent ytt in the future.

4. To order the busines touchinge the Complaynt againste the Schoolemaister and Vsher.

5. And att the nexte meetinge of the Councell to make theire  
15 Reportt, thatt things may be then ordered for the Towne's advantage, as there shalbe Cawse. 3429, fo. 45.

1656, May 22.

*Marie's parish: xx. li.*—This Companie are Content to allowe to the Parishioners of Saint Marie's parish, xx. li. towards the buildinge of a Lofte there; the one halfe to bee paied in hand, and the other  
20 halfe when the lofte is framed and Reared.

Maister Gamble, Maister Richards, Aldermen, Maister James, Maister Hides, Maister Sherwyn, Maister William Ryley, [and] Maister Josua Hill to measure all incroachments in the towne since '42, and Samuel Bastyn to assiste them.<sup>2</sup>

25 Ordered in the Sessions, by adiornement vntill the 2 of June, 1656, thatt Thomas Bishopp shall pull downe his shopp or incroachment in Flettchergate within xiiij. daies nexte ensewinge, and Raphe<sup>3</sup> Shawe to pull downe his incroachment within three weeks nowe lykewise nexte ensewinge. *Ib.*, fo. 47.

#### CXXIV.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1656, June 6.

30 By Maister Cooper and others.

[Wee present] Svsana Mellford for Distorbing the minister in the Church of Peeters, in the tyme of his preachinge, vpon the last Lord's

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, non-burgesses.

<sup>2</sup> The MS. here adds '42.'

<sup>3</sup> Raphe = Ralph.

day, beinge the first of June, Contrary to the forme of the Statute, affirming he preached false Doctrine, and that *perfeccion* may be attained to in this life. 87, ro. 34.

CXXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1656, Thursday, July 10.

*Wood sett oute for Church and Bridges.*—This Companie are agreed thatt Trees, to the valewe of xij. pownds, shall be sett oute for 5 the Bridges and Marie's Church for a lofte, thatt is to say, Eighte for the Church, and fower to the Bridgs, and Maister Drewrie, Alderman, Bridgmaisters, Maister Dringe, Maister Bayly, Maister Pettye, [and] Maister Richards are required to sett oute the same Trees for the Church and Bridge accordingly. 3429, fo. 51. 10

1656, Friday afternoon, August 1.

<sup>1</sup>This Companie haue voted thatt the Honorable Maior-Generall Whalley will be pleased to accepte of their eleccion to bee a Burgeis and a freeman of the Towne of Nottingham. Butt nott to be ingaged to take anie oath as other Burgesses vsually doe, and this Eleccion nott to be broughte in example in the future. 15

His Honor accepted of ytt, as a token of their Loue, butt would nott heere the order Read.<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 52.

1656, Thursday, August 15.

*Shreves*:<sup>3</sup> Whereas yearely there are Writts issuinge oute of the Exchequer office, directed to the Sheriffs nowe in beinge, to retorne issues againste some former Sheriffs for nott accomptinge for the 20 issues and profitts<sup>4</sup> of their office, This Companie intend to take some Coorse, by the assistance of the Members to be elected, for stayinge thereof. And all Sheriffs aswell in beinge, as hereafter to bee Sheriffs of the towne of Nottingham, shall bee secured by the Towne from all issues and amerciaments happeninge to them by 25 reason of those accompts, or anie thinge touchinge the same.

*Ib.*, fo. 55.

1656, Thursday, August 28.

*Waites.*—Thomas Bayly, Homfrey Roberts and William Coggs, the Waites of the Towne, beinge lefte by William Pattchett and

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, year 1655, ii., 846.

<sup>2</sup> Bailey says he 'refused to take the customary oaths.'

<sup>3</sup> Shreves=sheriffs.

<sup>4</sup> profitts,] 'profitits,' MS.

Salomon Sebastian, theire fellowe Waites, are ordered to Surrender theire Scuttcheons and Cloakes into the towne's hands, to dispose of them as they shall direct. And this Companie doe allowe the saied Bayly, Coggs, and Roberts xs. a peice, oute of theire bounty, in lewe of<sup>1</sup> theire Losses, and to Receave ytt from *Maister*[s] Chamberlaynes onely for this quarter, in regard of theire poverties. *Ib.*, fo. 57.

CXXVI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1656, October 13.

By the Constables : xiiij<sup>th</sup> of October, 1656.

Wee present Edward Godfrey for making a muckhill in the Holowstone.

<sup>10</sup> Wee present Widow Seuell for drunkenness and scoulding.

Wee present that the Lady Hutchinson had musicke in hir house one the Saboth day, the 12 of October, 1656.

Wee present William Newcom, Senior, and William Newcome, Junior, Henery Boote, and Richard Boote, and John Tweles, one the  
<sup>15</sup> Backside, all for anoying the heyway by *Saint* Joaneses's with Ramell.  
 Tho. Waller. Geo. Alsebroke. 88, ro. 4.

CXXVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1656, November 24.

*Maister Chadwicke*: *Maister Drewrie*.<sup>2</sup>—This Companie are agreed that xx. li. shall be sent to Collonell Chadwicke and Alderman Drewrie, our Burgesses, towards the defrayinge of their Chardge  
<sup>20</sup> duringe this present parliament.

*Mistris Whittchurch*.—This Companie are content to allowe to *Mistris* Whittchurch the some of Tenn pownds, to be paid by the Chamberlaynes to *Maister* Maior when hee is pleased to call or send for ytt. 3430, fo. 32.

CXXVIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1656, December 12.

<sup>25</sup> Forasmuch as Leonard Wood hath lyen sculking here in our Towne of Nottingham, and lately maryed one An Blankley, and now seekes a settlement here, and may proue chargeable to our Towne,

<sup>1</sup> in lewe of=in consideration for.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 849.

which is allredy ouercharged with such like poore people, And they confess y<sup>t</sup> their last aboad and settlement was at Bridgford, at ye Bridgend, these are therefore straitly to require you to conduct them to ye sayd Bridgford, in his Highnes'<sup>1</sup> name forthwith, there to be settled and set on work, and prouided for according to law. Given vnder our hands this 12 of December, 1656.

Francis Toplady, Allderman.

To the Constables of Bridgford at ye Bridgend, and ye ouerseers of the poore there.

88, ro. 19.

1656, December 13.

William Bradshaw, felt maker, Fryer row, 13th of December, 1656, 10 att John Barke's howse, an Ale howse, about 10 a clocke in ye morning, in Nottingham, sayd (speaking of eating and drinking), There was a saying in schriptide yat our Savior fed 5000 men with 05 loaves and 2 fishes, which was as arrand a lye as ever was spoken; and yat the 12 basketts (in holey scripture mencioned), full of frag- 15 ments thereof, was as arrand a lie, swearing by way of confirmacion of the premisses, 'By God.'

W. Bradshaw denies all the materiall parte, etc., and [says] that hee was not drunke, to his knowledg.<sup>2</sup>

88, ro. 22.

### CXXIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1656-7, Thursday, January 29.

10 trees for Peter's lofte.—Vpon the Peticion of the Church Wardens of Peter's, thatt they are stanted<sup>3</sup> of Roome for the parishioners by reason of the vnitinge of both parishes, And havinge ane intent to inlargde theire sittings in the saied Church by buildinge of a Lofte or Scaffold; This Companie are contented to allowe them Tenn Trees, to bee Vewed and sett oute with all convenient speed by 25 Maister Bayly, Maister Cooper, Maister S. Jackson, Maister Hawkyens, Maior Chadwyke, and Maister Lovett.

Lofte.—The Companie are content to allowe to the Church Wardens of Saint Peters x. li. towards the buildinge of theire Lofte.

3430, fo. 39. 30

<sup>1</sup> Oliver Cromwell, then Protector.

<sup>2</sup> The roll states that three witnesses denied all, except that he was drunk, and

that four witnesses averred he was not drunk; the result does not appear.

<sup>3</sup> 'stanted' = stinted.

CXXX.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1657, April 13.

Easte partt.

*Imprimis*, we present Mary Cooke for nott comeinge to ye Church for the space of three monthes last past.

*Item*, We present Ann, the wife of William Greene the younger, 5 for a skollid.

*Item*, Wee present John Howett, late a Soldier, for absenting him selfe from the Church constantly.

*Item*, wee present Thomas Newcum for constantly annoyinge the beast markett with mennor: we desire speedy redresse of it.

10 We humbly request that notice may be given to all parents and masters that the[y] restraine their Children and servaunts from playinge In ye streetts, and In the fields, on ye Sabbath daies, to the great prophanation of God's day. 88, ro. 25.

CXXXI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1657, Monday, May 25.

*Huntt.*<sup>1</sup>—This Companie are of oppynion nott to make Robert 15 Huntt Burgesse, for thatt there is noe such trade as a lynnen draper vsed in this towne, to which trade hee was bound apprentice to Adam Jackson, as ytt appeareth. And the Reason of Robert Huntt's deniall was, for thatt the same mighte bee of evell Consequence in bringinge in of Maultsters to be Burgesse, and such lyke, etc.

20 *Against Hawkers.*—Vpon the Peticion of the tradesmen of this Towne, of the evell Consequence in sufferinge Strangers to goe aboute the towne by Hawkinge and sellinge of wares, Contrarie to the Statuts, and to the greate hinderance of the same Tradesmen, for prevencion whereof the Companie haue appoynted William 25 James, the beadell, to take them vpp, and Suppresse them, as hee shall meete with them, vpon anie occasion. 3430, fo. 52.

1657, Thursday, June 18.

This Companie are Content thatt James Parramore shalbe ymployed in the service of the Towne in takinge vpp and suppressinge of Hawkers, and such lyke Wanderinge persons thatt Hawke

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 850.

vp and downe the Countrie, to the preiudice and Iniurie of the Tradesmen here; And shall doe his Indeavor to keepe oute Rogues and Countrie beggers, And to see to the Wayinge of Butter soe often as hee Conveniently may, and to acquaynt *Maister* Maior with everie defaulte herein. And to discouer all such as forstall, ingrosse, or 5 Re grate<sup>1</sup> anie Marchiandice cominge<sup>2</sup> to this faier or Markett; and James Parramore to haue xxs. yearely from the Chamberlaynes, to be paid by vs. quarterly, duringe the pleasure of the Companie, for his paines to be taken herein. *Ib.*, fo. 55.

CXXXII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1657, July 20.

Constables' Jurie.

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Wee present William Innocent, and Gearal<sup>3</sup> Huthwaite and his wife, for raising a tumult in the streets yesterday, being the Lord's day, the 19th day of July, against the Churchwarden[s] and Cunstables, and gave them bitter words and impident speeches, as the<sup>4</sup> walked in the streets to restraine Children and servants from sports 15 and pastime.

Wee present these Children vnder-written: the<sup>4</sup> were taken fishing on the Lord's day, being the 19 day of July: Nicolas, the sonne of Richard Sherwin, too sonns of good wife Fawcitts, John, the sonne of George Peverill, Isaac, the sonne of Widdow Moreland, Robert, 20 the sonne of Robert Chantrey.

Wee present Francis Nix and his Wife for oposing the Churchwardens and Cunstables last Lord's day, being the 19 day of July, the<sup>4</sup> having taken a boy of his playing with many others.

Wee present George Godfrey: hee lay drunke in the open streete 25 like a dead man, in the assise weeke. 88, ro. 36.

1657, July 30.

West partt. *Maister* James, forman.

We present George Gambell, cuteller, for not frequenting any plase of meting wher God is worsheped.

We present the wife of Richerd Cheetum for corsing and swaring 30 in Joune last.

<sup>1</sup> 'regrate,' to forestal, engross; Fr. *regratter*.

<sup>2</sup> cominge,] 'comige,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> Gearal = Gerald.

<sup>4</sup> the = they.

We present John Shaw Smith for coursing, swarcing, and beting of his wife one the last Sabeth day, and diuers oather times, to the greate disturbans of his neybers.

We aquint you that there was a meting att Thomas Hifeld, and  
5 many pepell came one horsback out of the cunterey. We request  
that traulling one the Sabeth day may be preuented. 88, ro. 38.

CXXXIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1657, Monday, August 3.

Maister Oxley, the vsher, havinge petitioned for an increase of Wages, this Companie are content to add iiij. li. *per Annum* to his Wages, and to be paied him quarterly by the Scholewardens, the  
10 firste quarter to begyn att *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> nexte. 3430, fo. 59.

1657, Tuesday, September 22.

This Companie takinge into Consideracion the Extraordenarie paines thatt Maister Barrett taketh in the exercise of his paines in the Discharge of his Cure, beinge the parson of *Saint Peter's* in this towne of Nottingham, insoemuch thatt hee desireth to haue an  
15 assistant aswell for the Discharge of his saied ministree as for the ease of him selfe, beinge weakned by his saied paines as aforesaid, This Companie are content to allowe to Maister Barratt for an assistant to be approved on by Maister Maior, Maister Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Councill of this towne, and the ministers of  
20 both parishes, the some of Twentye pownds *per Annum*, to begynn att *Michaelis*,<sup>1</sup> 1658, by twoe payments; and the assis[t]ant of Marie's parish to haue the lyke addicion of xx. li. *per Annum* over and aboue thatt allowance of x. li. a peice allredy allowed them from the Towne's stocke. And the Augmentacion to be equally devided to both  
25 parishes, beinge 75 pownds to either parishe; and this order beinge voted, is approved of, and Consented vnto generally, without anie Contradiccion att all. *Ib.*, fo. 69.

1657, October 19.

This Companie are agreed thatt Maister Docter Tuckney shall be written vnto for his assistance in procuringe a Schoole-Maister to  
30 Supply the Roome and place of Maister Leeke, deceased, and this Companie have promised to suspend theire voices, or assents, in anie eleccion of anie other thatt may be propounded to the Companie,

<sup>1</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

untill docter Tuckney have written vnto them touchinge his indeavors herein.

3431, fo. 48.

1657, Monday, November 16.

The Question is, whether *Maister* Birttch and *Maister* Pitts, commended by *Maister* Docter Tuckney to be Schoolemaister<sup>1</sup> onely, or<sup>2</sup> they twoe and *Maister* Vllocke shall bee in nominacion for to be Schoole-Maister. 5

The Twoe gentlemen Commended by *Maister* Docter Tuckney to be onely in elleccion to be Schoole Maister; And by the vote of the howse the greater partt<sup>3</sup> haue made Choyce of *Maister* Pitts to be Schoole maister, yf his sufficientye bee approved by these gentlemen 10 followinge, or anie fyue of them:—

Collonell Pierepont.

*Maister* Docter Plumptree.

*Maister* Harcoortt.

*Maister* Whittlocke.

*Maister* Reynolds.

*Maister* Barrett.

*Maister* Coats of Nottingham.

*Maister* Coates of Basford.

Captayne Pallmer.

or any five of them.

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*Ib.*, fo. 51.

1657, Monday, November 23.

*Maister* Henrie Pitts beinge Commended to the Towne by *Maister* docter Tuckney to bee Schole maister in the Roomth of *Maister* Leeke deceased, beinge here in person, the Towne are contented to allowe him for his Sallarie fourtye pounds *per Annum* to enter and 25 begyn presently<sup>4</sup> after Christmas nexte, and a further addicion to be made to him as by this Companie shall bee thoughte fittinge, accordinge to his diligence and paines in the same place; And onely to haue twoe potacions yearlye, and noe more, And nott to take aboute xijd. a peice of anie of the Towne's Children for those potacions, 30 And nott to preach for Hire, nor to take vpon him anie pastorall Chardge. And nott to graunte or allowe anie play-dayes aboute one in everie Moneth, besides holly daies and such vsuall tymes, And to give *Mistris* Leeke a Convenient tyme to Remoue her goods. To all

<sup>1</sup> So MS., and throughout.

<sup>2</sup> 'or,' repeated, MS.

<sup>3</sup> viz., 24 out of 28 present.

<sup>4</sup> presently = immediately.

Which Maister Pitts doth Consent, and hath herevnto Subscribed his name xxiiij<sup>th</sup> of November, 1657.<sup>1</sup>

And Maister Cotes, Maister Whittlocke, Maister Reynolds, Maister Samuel Coates [and] Maister Barrett beinge desired by Maister Maior, 5 the Aldermen, and Councell to haue Conference With Maister Pitts touchinge his abylytie to dischardge the same place of Schoole Maister, haue, vnder theire hands, approved of his sufficiency therevnto. *Ib.*, fo. 53.

1657, Thursday, December 17.

This Companie are agreed to make an addicion of x. li. *per Annum* 10 to the 40 li. formerly voted to Maister Pitts, the Schoole Maister, to make his salarie fiftye pownds by the yeare. *Ib.*, fo. 60.

1657-8, February 22.

*Cooper*.—Vpon a letter Written to Maister Maior and his Brethren from Maior generall Whalley, touchinge one Cooper, sometymes<sup>2</sup> a solder in the State's service, to haue some allowance for to buy 15 him horse and Armes, this Companie are content to make him allowance after the proporcion followinge, thatt is to say, yf the Country Justices allowe him Sixe pownds, xiijs. iiijd., the towne will allowe him iij. li. vjs. viijd., and soe proportionably for a greater or lesser some. *Ib.*, fo. 70.

1657-8, March 11.

20 Maister Malyn, Maister Whittby, Maister James [and] Maister Bayly to vewe the Church staires into the lofte.

*Saint Marie's Church*.—This Companie are content to allowe the Church-Wardens of *Saint Marie's parishe* xxxs. towards the buildinge of a Stere-Case in the Church, and to be paied by the Chamber- 25 laynes. *Ib.*, fo. 73.

1658, Thursday, April 8.

Complaynt beinge made by the Sheriffs thatt Jonathan Mott, of Gainsborough, refuseth to pay Toll for his goods beinge broughte vpp and deliuered as Marchandice within the Toll meares,<sup>3</sup> therefore ytt is ordered by this Companie, that the Sheriffs shall demaund their 30 Tolls of Maister Mott, and vpon his refusall to pay Toll, the Sheriffs to distrayne him, and the Towne to beare the Chardge of Sute in case they shall be forced therevnto.

<sup>1</sup> The signature of Henry Pitts, written in full, is appended to this minute.

<sup>2</sup> sometymes = sometime, *i.e.*, formerly.

<sup>3</sup> 'Meares,' limits, or boundaries.

1658, May 13.

*Towchinge my Lady Grantham's giifte.*<sup>1</sup>—The Hundred pownds allreddy given by her, to sett the pore one Worke, and in the Towne's Hands another 100 li. to be added to ytt, to sett the poore on Worke.

Land to be boughte to the valewe of x. li. *per Annum*, and thatt to be yearely ymployed for settinge the pore on Worke, and puttinge 5 them oute. *Maister* Maior, *Maister* Drewrie [and] *Maister* Sulley are Required to goe to the Ladye Grantham<sup>2</sup> to treate with her aboute settinge the pore on Worke, and other discoorse, as occasion shall bee offered. *Ib.*, fo. 77.

1658, Monday, May 24.

*Maister Oxley.*—*Maister* Oxley, the Vsher of the Freeschole, by 10 reason of his Weaknesse in his bodye, dothe freely Surrender his place of an Vsher, and hee is to have att Midsommer Sixe pounds, and vj. li. more then, and vj. li. more att *Michaelis* nexte. And to haue free libertye to teach schoole att his howse as formerly, and hee demeaninge himselfe well and orderly. 15

*Maister Pitts.*—This Companie doe order thatt *Maister* Pitts, the Schoole *Maister*, shall nott preach att anie tyme duringe the tyme of his beinge Schoolemaister, vnlesse, by the vote and lycence of *Maister* Maior and Councill, hee bee therevnto lycenced and appoynted.

*Ib.*, fo. 79. 20

*Maister* Cooper, *Maister* William Ryley, *Maister* Hodgkyn, *Maister* Jackson, Robert Bate, and *Maister* Lovatt appoynted to vewe the Meareston<sup>3</sup> lately Removed by some of the parishioners of Radford and Lenton, and to sett them stones soe Remoued into the ould places. *Ib.*, fo. 80. 25

1658, June 15.

*Bleachers.*—*Maister* Parker, Alderman, and *Maister* Sulley are desired to dischargd the Bleachers att Leenside to avoyed<sup>4</sup> the grownds of there Cloth att Midsommer nexte; and in case of Refusall, they to sue and arreste the opposers as by Councill they shall be directed, and the Towne to beare them oute. *Ib.*, fo. 81. 30

1658, June 17.

*Maister* Pitts, the Schole maister, acquayntinge the Companie of his Want of an Vsher to assist him, hee hath proposed *Maister*

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.

<sup>2</sup> Grantham,] 'Gramtham,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> 'Meareston,' boundary-stone.

<sup>4</sup> 'Avoyed,' to clear, or leave free.

Thomas Ellkinton to haue thatt ymployment; and the Companie Doe take tyme vntill *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> nexte to approve of the saied Maister Ellkinton, and to haue the Assistance of Maister Grauntt, Maister Reynolds, Maister Barrett, or anie twoe of them, for his triall and  
 5 approbacion. *Ib.*, fo. 11.

1658, Thursday, July 1.

*Maister Pitts*.—Lycence is graunted to Maister Pitts to preach att *Saint Marie's*, or elsewhere, the nexte Lord's day onely, Notwithstandinge anie order to the Contrarie.

<sup>2</sup>*Maister Maior, Maister Drewrie, Maister Richards, Maister*  
 10 *Toplady and Maister Huthwaite, Maister Bayly, Maister Garner,*  
*Maister Hill, Maister Malyn, Maior Chadwicke [and] Maister Hides*  
 are desired to take a vewe of the peticion to his highnes, the Lord Protector, and to examyne and Consider of the same, and to make there Reportt to Morrowe, att twoe of the Clocke in the afternoone,  
 15 att the Hall. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1658, Monday, August 9.

*Touchinge the Adresse to his highnes*.—The Companie are agreed thatt there shall bee an adresse made vnto his highnes, the Lord Protector, as the same is now drawne by Maister Recorder, And the same Adresse to be fayrely Ingrossed, and made redy for Subscripp-  
 20 cion, with all Convenient Speed.

*Drapers' petition*.—The drapers of the Towne of Nottingham Complayne<sup>3</sup> thatt the Toll-takers of Wakefeild, in the Countye of Yourke, doe demaund and take toll of them for such Cloth as they doe buy there, and crave the assistance of this Companie for a Triall  
 25 with them, yf need Require. The Companie haue taken tyme to Resolue vpon this busines att nexte Meetinge. *Ib.*, fo. 17.

1658, Monday, August 30.

Ytt is agreed by this Companie, thatt att all Meetings att the hall vntill *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> nexte, the Companie shall be sommoned to be att [the] hall att viij. of the Clocke, and from *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> to our Lady  
 30 day att Nyne of the Clocke, and none to be absent att the howers abouesaied, vpon payne to forfeyte vjd. for everie defaulte.

<sup>1</sup> Michaelis = Michaelmas.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., pp. 856-7.

The petition was for the Protector 'to be strict in the enforcing of the laws relating to the observance of religious ordinances,' etc.

<sup>3</sup> The word was originally written 'Complayninge,' and then partially altered to 'Complayne,' as the construction requires.

Eighte of the Councell being absent att 9 of the Clocke this day, were fyned att vjd. a peice, butt the same fyne was restored againe in hope of amendement and better attendance. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

*Bringhurst and Beechie.*—John Beechie, the Cooke, to be admitted to be the Towne's Cooke, and to enter att *Michaelis*<sup>1</sup> nexte, and to haue fower pownds Wages, to be paied him quarterly by the Chamberlaynes, besides thatt is owinge to him. Butt the ls. yearely, payable to William Bringhirste, to be confirmed vnto him duringe his lyefe.

*Ib.*, fo. 20.

1658, October 19.

<sup>2</sup>*Maister* Gamble, *Maister* Sulley, and *Maister* Hough are desired to Wayte vpon my Lady Grantham touchinge her offer of one other c. li. to sett the pore on Worke, and to acquaynt her thatt the towne intends to purchase lands with the monies, for the benifitt and vse of the pore, and to sett them on worke.

3432, fo. 25.

1658, November 1.

Before this Companie *Maister* Robert Greaves, the Towne Clerke, in Regard of his Age and Infirmities nott beinge able to serve in the place of Towne Clerke as in his dutye hee is bound, doth moste humbly desire *Maister* Maior, the Aldermen, and *Common* Councell, to accepte of this his Resignacion of his saied office of Towne Clerke, wittnesinge the same vnder his hand the firste day of Nouember, 1658.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>4</sup>And the Maior, Recorder, and Aldermen, and *Common* Councell aforesaid doe accepte of *Maister* Greaves his Resignacion; And doe ellecte *Maister* Raphe Edge to be Towne Clerke in his place, vpon Condicion thatt the saied *Maister* Edge will be Content thatt the Fees and profitts belonginge to the saied place shalbe Regulated and Apporcioned as the saied Maior, Recorder, Aldermen, and *Common* Councell shall directe and agree vpon, Soe as the saied Agreement and proporcion shall be sett downe in Wrytinge before the Firste day of Januarie nexte Cominge.<sup>5</sup>

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And *Maister* Edge to be made a Burgeis, payinge x. li., which saied

<sup>1</sup> *Michaelis* = Michaelmas.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.

<sup>3</sup> This minute has the signature 'Robt. Greaves' underwritten. Both this and the two following minutes are in the handwriting of Greaves.

<sup>4</sup> See Bailey, vol. iii., p. 855. Bailey says Edge was 'made town clerk in the place of Flamstead.' Flamstead, however, after superseding Greaves, had, in his turn, to make place for the latter.

<sup>5</sup> This minute is signed 'Ralph Edge.'

Tenn pownds the Companie deliuered to him backe againe, leauinge the same to himselfe to bee disposed<sup>1</sup> on in some proporcion to the pore of the severall parishes: And hee was Sworne a Burgess before this Companie accordingly.<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1658, Thursday, December 2.

- 5 A petition beinge preferred by William More, in the behalfe of his sonne, for some present Supply towards his Sonne's Commencement att Cambridge, the Councill are content to allowe him 4s. towards his Charge, to bee paid by the Chamberlaynes. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

CXXXIV.—*Extracts from the Bridgemasters' Rental.*

1658-9.

		li.	s.	d.
	Francis Wrighte, for a Tenement in Littster gate . . .	0	5	0
10	Margerie Rose, wydowe, for a Tenement there . . .	2	0	0
	Richard Harreson, for a Tenement and a Cottage in Hownd gate . . . . .	1	0	0
	George Smith, for a Shopp in the Weekeday Shambles . . .	0	8	0
		2413, fo. 1.		
15	Thomas Trewman, for a Tenement, and an Orchard and Garden, in the Narrowe Marsh . . . . .	1	10	0
	Alexander Beardsley, for the greate Barne att Fishergate end . . . . .	4	0	0
	Robert Wesson, for a Tenement in Goosegate . . . . .	0	10	0
20	Maister Clarke, for a Tenement in Stonie streete . . . . .	0	6	8
		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 3.		
	Thomas Whittington, for a garden in the Marsh . . . . .	0	3	4
	Francis Hakesley, for 2 gardens nere Saint Nicholas' Church-yard, att ye easte end there . . . . .	0	5	0
25		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 4.		
	Collonel Chadwicke . . . . . 13s. 4d. }	for the nere Ladye's close		
	Maister William Ryley . . . . . 13s. 4d. }			
	Maister Wattson . . . . . 13s. 4d. }			
	Rose Porter . . . . . }	for the furthest Ladye's close		
30	Symon Poe . . . . . }			
		<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 5.		

<sup>1</sup> disposed,] 'dispose,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> Greaves was subsequently allowed  
£10 per annum for life, to be paid

quarterly out of the 'Towne Stocke,'  
commencing at the following Martinmas.

The wydowe of Francis Hardy, in the Righte of <i>Mistris</i>	li.	s.	d.
Jackson, for a close called Noe Man's <i>partt</i> . . . . .	1	13	4
<i>Mistris</i> Bateman, for a Close betwene Cheynie bridges . . . . .	0	8	0
Wydowe Lockoe, for one of the far Dovecoate closes . . . . .	0	16	0
John Wrighte, for one other of them . . . . .	0	16	0
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 6.		
Thomas Greene, weaver, for Spittlewell close . . . . .	0	6	8
The Mill-maisters, for Posterne-bridge close . . . . .	0	13	4
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 7.		
Wydowe Walesby, for a lea <sup>1</sup> att Peashill, beinge halfe an			10
acre, 4s., and one lea in the Clay feilds, 3s. . . . .	0	7	0
William Mabbott, for an Acre in ye Medowes . . . . .	0	2	0
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 10.		
Richard Plantt, for one close, late twoe Closes, in Stonie			
streete . . . . .	0	13	4
John Twells, Maultster, for a lea <sup>1</sup> in the medowes, late			
Wydowe White's, lyinge on the Ryehills . . . . .	0	0	4
	<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 12.		

## Fees and Cheife Rentts to bee paied.

For this Rentall. . . . .	iijs.	20
For ingrossinge the Accompte . . . . .	iijs.	
The Bridgmaisters' fee . . . . .	xxvjs.	viiiid.
A Cheife Rentt to the Sheriffs . . . . .	vijjd.	
A Cheife Rentt to the Chamberlaynes . . . . .	vjd.	
To the pore in the Beadhouse in Barkergate . . . . .	vijjs.	25
To Huntingdon Plumptre, Esquire, for Robert King's		
garden, soe longe as Kinge, the Taylor, houlds the		
possession of ytt from him: iij.li. <i>per Annum</i> ;		
Whereof the Towne is to pay lijs., and Kinge viijs.		
to Maister Docter Plumptre, att <i>Michaelis</i> and		30
Lady day . . . . .	lijs.	

To William James, as Maister of the howse of Correccion<sup>2</sup>*Ib.*, fo. 12b.

The names of the Tenants in Hungerhill, whose Rentts are as followeth:—

	li.	s.	d.	35
William Recklesse . . . . .	0	8	8	
John Lamberd . . . . .	2	0	0	

<sup>1</sup> 'Lea,' a fallow; ground enclosed, not open.<sup>2</sup> No amount inserted in MS.

		li.	s.	d.
	Robert Dodsley . . . . .	2	10	0
	Wydowe Ryley . . . . .	0	8	8
	Wydowe Burley . . . . .	0	8	8
	Thomas Whittington . . . . .	0	8	8
5	Christofer Allen . . . . .	0	8	8
	Robert Varden . . . . .	2	5	0
	John Hillton . . . . .	0	8	8
	John Mettford . . . . .	1	5	0
	Thomas Wynter . . . . .	0	8	8
10	Thomas Chamberlayne, Curryer . . . . .	0	8	8
	John Howlett . . . . .	0	8	8
	Robert Hallam, glouer . . . . .	0	8	8
	George Walker . . . . .	0	8	8
	John Deabell . . . . .	0	8	8
15	Maister Huthwaite, Alderman, in matter [of] Wydowe			
	Mittchell . . . . .	0	8	8
	Maister Daniell Sulley. . . . .	0	13	4
	Thomas Champion . . . . .	0	13	4
	Robert Kirkebye. . . . .	0	18	0
20	John Richards . . . . .	0	8	8
	Mistris Reason . . . . .	0	8	8
	Maister Robert Malyn. . . . .	0	13	4
	John Coulton . . . . .	1	4	0
	Maister Edmond Richards . . . . .	0	13	4
25	John Townerowe. . . . .	0	13	4
	Maister Roger Ryley in matter [of] Ellen Smith . . . . .	0	8	8
	John Drewrie . . . . .	0	8	8
	Wydowe Mosse . . . . .	1	3	4
	Edmond Mabbott, Junior . . . . .	0	10	0

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*Ib.*, fos. 13-14.CXXXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1658-9, March 1.

This day, the right honorable, the Earle of Clare, Recorder of this Towne, came to the Cuncell, and there desired to knowe wheather Collonell Chadwicke, his Deputie Recorder, was Sworn Recorder by theire Consents, *which* was by the whole house denyed, and therefore

35 the said Earle declared himselfe yat the said Collonell Chadwicke

had very much *preiudiced* him in his Service and respects to this Towne, *which* he desired to Serve in all things to his power, And therevpon further declared himselfe, that from hence forward he did discharge the said Collonell Chadwicke of beinge his deputy Recorder, And did then *Commend* Roberte Chamberlaynes Hardinge, Esquire, 5 a Barrester at Lawe, to be his Deputy duringe pleasure, if the Councell shall approve of him, *which* the Councell desired tyme to consider of, and to give theire answeare within foureteene dayes next. 3432, fo. 41.

1658-9, March 3, afternoon.

<sup>1</sup>It is this day ordered, that a *Letter* to be sent to ye Right Honorable, the Lord Whalley, to signifie the Town's dislike of havinge 10 the Courte of the honor of Peuerell<sup>2</sup> kepte in any place within this Towne.

It is ordered that it be putt to the vote wheather the Schoole lands should be allotted for Burgesse parts, or to continue for the Sole vse of the Schoole. 15

<sup>3</sup>It is ordered, that all such lands belonginge to ye Free schoole as have beene formerly allotted for Burgesse partes shall, from hence forward, as such Burgesse parts shall come in, be for ever hereafter employed to the vse of the Schoole. *Ib.*, fo. 42.

1658-9, March 7, forenoon.

Whereas, on the 3<sup>d</sup> of March instant, it was ordered that a *Letter* 20 should be sent to the Right honorable, the Lord Whalley, declaringe the dislike of this Councell in havinge the Courte of the honor of Peuerell kepte at or in the County-hall sictuate within our Towne, It is alsoe further ordered this day that a *Letter* be forthwith sent to the said Lord Whalley to declare theire dislike, and that the same *letter* 25 be worded accordinge to the advice and direccion of Master Garner and Master Whitby, to *which Letter* the Common Seale of the Towne is to be affixed. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

1658-9, March 14, forenoon.

Accordinge to the desire and *nominacion* of ye right honorable, the Earle of Clare, Recorder of this Towne, It is this day ordered that 30 Roberte Hardinge, Esquire, be named Deputy Recorder, accordinge [to] the deputacion given to the said Master Hardinge by the said

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, year 1658, vol. iii., p. 856.

<sup>2</sup> Lord Whalley had desired the Court to be restored to Nottingham.

<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.

Earle: And whereas alsoe the said Master Hardinge was desired to attend this meetinge of the Councell of the Towne, It was then propounded to him to accepte of the said deputacion, which the said Master Hardinge was pleased to doe, and accordingly the said  
 5 Councell doe hereby approve and confirme the said Master Hardinge in the said place of Deputy Recorder and Assistant to the Major, soe much as in this Councell lies.

*Ib.*, fo. 43.

1659, April 14.

*Ironmongers to be freed from Tolles at Gaynsbrough.*—Vpon the mocion of Master Fillingham and Master Christofer Hall, in the  
 10 behalfe of themselves and the rest of the Inhabitants of this Towne Tradinge from Hull or Gaynsbrough, concerninge their payments of Tolles at Gaynsbrorughe, It is this day ordered, that for asmuch as this Towne by the Graunte of the Charter of this Towne, the freemen thereof are thereby exempted and freed from payment of Tolles, that  
 15 if at any tyme hereafter the said freemen<sup>1</sup> shalbe distreyned for Tolls, and have any Suite or Suites brought or presented against them for the not<sup>2</sup> payment of Tolles, such charges of Suite shalbe from tyme to tyme paid and discharge[d] at the Towne's Charge, Soe as such person or persons that shalbe soe Sued shall not make any agreement  
 20 or composicion with the Lord of the Mannor, or owner of the Marte at Gaynsbrough, or any other person whatsoever, withoute the consent of this Councell; and that this Councell be made acquainted with the proceedings of such Suites.

*Master Parker.*—It is this day ordered, that the Chamberlaines  
 25 shall, within Foureteene dayes, pay vnto Master Alderman Parker the some of Twenty pounds as a Testimony of the love and thanckfullnesse of this Towne to the said Master Parker for his greate paynes and charge in attendinge the Service of this Towne in the Parliament now assembled.

*Ib.*, fo. 44.

1659, Thursday, July 7.

30 It is this day put to the vote, wheather Richard Hill should be disfranchised for takinge in to the Common meadowes a Geldinge of Richard Harrison, a Souldier, in open tyme, vpon a pretended Bargayne, contrary to his Burgesse oath:

The vote havinge clearely passed for the disfranchisement of the  
 35 said Richard Hill, he is therefore from hence forward disfranchised.

*Ib.*, fo. 53.

<sup>1</sup> freemen,] 'freeman,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> for non.

1659, July 12.

*Bleachers in ye meadows.*—It is this day ordered, that the Chamberlains for the tyme beinge shall presente Suite against Anne Gregory, widdow, Mary Hearson, Roberte Allicocke and Thomas Elnor, in their names, for layinge and Bleachinge of Cloth in the Common meadows after Midsommer-day duringe the Commonable tyme, to the losse and prejudice of the Commoners and in hinderance of their iust right and vsage of ye Common; And that all such money as shall be expended in the prosecution of thes suites shalbe defrayed and borne at the Towne's charge.

*Butts.*—It is this day ordered that at the request and desire of George Gregory, gentleman, Samuell Stables, gentleman, and divers other gentlemen and Inhabitants of this Towne, that the Chamberlayns shall forthwith cause a payre of Butts to be builte neare vnto the Bowlinge Alley hill, and Rayle them aboute with a Single Rayle and Stoope,<sup>1</sup> for the better preservation of them. *Ib.*, fo. 54.

1659, Thursday, September 15.

*For ye Buyinge of a 100 quarters of Dancks' Rye.*<sup>2</sup>—It is this day ordered that Master Maior, Master William Petty, and Master William Jackson be impowred to buy one hundred quarters of Dancks' Rye for a Common stocke for the reliefe of the Poore Inhabitants of this towne.<sup>3</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 58.

1659, November 1.

*Mickleturme Jury Regulated.*<sup>4</sup>—It is this day ordered yat the Mickleturme Jury, att their annuall dynners, the dayes of their Walkinge, shalbe allowed xijd. a peece for their dynners, and iiijd. a peece for extraordinaries; yat the Officers attendinge them be allowed vjd. apeece for their dynners, and ijd. apeece for their extraordinaries, and the Attendance of the Waytes at these meetings is<sup>5</sup> respited till further order. And it is further ordered that what shall be more expended at these meetings, everie person shall beare it at his owne Charge. 3433, fo. 17.

1659, December 22.

*Ministers.*—It is this day ordered that Master Reynolds, Lecterer at Saint Marie's, and Master Armeston, Lecterer at Saint Peter's,

<sup>1</sup> post.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.

<sup>3</sup> towne,] 'tyme,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> This entry is noticed and condensed in Bailey under year 1646, vol. ii., p. 766.

<sup>5</sup> is,] 'are,' MS.

shall Receave from the hands of the Chamberlaynes for the tyme beinge the Some of Twenty po[undes].<sup>1</sup> And the receipte or acquittance vnder the [hands]<sup>1</sup> of the said Master Reynolds and Master Armest[on]<sup>1</sup> shalbe a sufficient discharge for the said Chamberlaynes.

*Poore.*<sup>2</sup>—It is this day allsoe further ordered that the Chamberlaynes shall pay vnto the overseers of the Poore of the respective parrishes, for the *present* releife of the Poore of the said Parishes, the some of Sixteene poundes, Eighteene shillings and Twoepence. And the respective Overseers, given to the Chamberlaynes vnder their hands, shalbe allowed for the Chamberlaynes' discharge.

This day Edward Millington, the *present* Mill Master, hath brought into this house the Some of 13 li., which some, by order of this house, was to be equally devided for the vse of the poore of both parishes, and accordingly vi. li. xs. was paid to Master Alderman Fillingham for the vse of the Poore of Saint Marie's Parish, and vj. li. xs. to the hands of Master Alderman Richards, for the vse of Saint Peter's Parish.

It is this day ordered that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall pay vnto the Churchwardens of the parish of Saint Peter's for the tyme beinge the Some of Tenn poundes, to be by them employed for finishinge of the Lofte lately builte in the Church of Saint Peter, for the better conveniencie of the Parishioners of that Parish.

This day Master Lovatt receaved the x. li. ordered hereby to be allowed to the Parish of Saint Peter's for finishinge of the loft.

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*Ib.*, fo. 21.

1660, Thursday, March 29.

<sup>3</sup>It is this day ordered that the 12 persons nominated by the order of Thomas Margretts, Judge Advocate, to attend the Courte Marshall of his excellencie, the Lord Generall Moncke, for the tryall of the souldiers suspected for the death of Master[s] Richard Hawkyens and Richard Raynor,<sup>4</sup> be allowed Forty shillings a peece for the defrayinge of their respective charges in their Journey to London. *Ib.*, fo. 27.

1660, Monday, June 18.

*Bleachers.*—It is this day ordered that a warrant for discharge of the Bleachers at Leene side be sent vnto them, thereby charging

<sup>1</sup> Page of the minute-book torn.<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 856.<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 864.<sup>4</sup> Slain in tumults caused by the unpopularity of the government protected by the soldiers.

them that they and everie of them remove and take away all their Cloth on or before the 25th day of June instant.

It is this day alsoe ordered that the like warrant and discharge be sent to the Bleachers in the Field, to take away their Cloth on or before the First day of August next.<sup>1</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 31. 5

1660, Thursday, August 30.

*Lord Chaworth.*—It is this day ordered that the Chamberlyns for the tyme being shall lay oute Nyne poundes for the makinge of Gownes for poore woemen, accordinge to the direccion of the last will and Testament of the late right honorable George Lord Chaworth, which woemen are to [bee] agreed vpon at the next meetinge of this Company.<sup>2</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 35.

CXXXVI.—*Summary of Chamberlains' Account.*

1660-1.

Towne of Nottingham, } Friday, 27th of September, *Anno Domini*,  
*scilicet.* } 1661. *Anno regni regis Caroli secundi*  
*Decimo tertio.*<sup>3</sup>

The accounte of William Toplady and Stephen Garner, Chamber- 15  
 lyns of the said Towne, And receavors of the rents of the lands and  
 Tenements, and other the profitts of the said Towne, from Michael-  
 mas, 1660, vntill Michaelmas, 1661, That is to say, for one whole  
 yeare, in the time of Francis Toplady, Maior of the said Towne of  
 Nottingham; before the said Maior, the Aldermen his Bretheren, 20  
 and divers Burgesses then and there present.

The Charge: First, they charge themselves with the	li.	s.	d.
rent mencioned in the rentall . . . . .	403	17	2
For Stallages this yeare . . . . .			<i>nil.</i>
For Burges nobles, and Forreners made Burgesses . . . . .	038	13	4 25
For Fynes, amerciaments, fellons' goods, Extracts, and forfeitures . . . . .			<i>nil.</i>

<sup>1</sup> An order was made on 7th August following to take action against persons 'laying to bleach' linen cloth in the meadows when the latter 'lying in common.'

<sup>2</sup> The gowns were allotted to three women on September 20 following.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation:* In the year of the Lord 1661. In the Thirteenth year of the reign of King Charles the Second.

For vpsetts <sup>1</sup> of Mercers, Cordwynders, Skinners, and			
	Taylors . . . . .		<i>nil.</i>
	For the Agistment of Easte Crofte this yeare . . . . .	018	03 07
	For Fynes for Leases . . . . .	045	00 00
5	For arreares for rents, and for wood, as in the rentall . . . . .	024	10 00
	For moneys receaved vpon the last accounte . . . . .	040	00 00
	For Fynes in the feilds and meadowes . . . . .	000	00 10
	For other receipts accidentall . . . . .	004	04 11
	For things sould . . . . .	002	11 06
10	For Arreares of Debtes . . . . .	005	00 00
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	The whole Some of the charge . . . . .	582	01 04
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	Allowances : For Fees and wages as in the Booke . . . . .	085	07 04
	For necessary Expences . . . . .	355	12 05
	For repayres this yeare . . . . .	052	10 04
15	For rents behinde and vnpaid . . . . .	106	02 0j
	For presents and rewardes . . . . .	031	17 11
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		631	10 1
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	The disbursements doth exceede the receipts to . . . . .	049	08 11
	<i>which said somme of 49 li. 08s. 11d. is due vnto the</i>		
20	above-named Chamberlyns. And this Councell do		
	acquitt the <i>said</i> Chamberlyns of their accounts.		
	<i>Memorandum, that vpon the passinge of this Accounte,</i>		
	<i>Maister Garner had forgott to crave an allow-</i>		
	<i>ance of 12 li. 2s., by him accounted for ; Soe</i>		
25	there doth remayne to the <i>said</i> Chamberlyns		
	the whole <i>Somme</i> of . . . . .	061	10 11
<hr/>			
Francis Toplady, Maior. Rich. Whitby.			
John Fillingham. Alderman Ralph Edge.			
Thomas Louett. 1763.			

CXXXVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1661, October 14.

- 30 <sup>2</sup>Received by John Parker, Maior of this town of Nottingham, from the hands of Master Toplady, Alderman, one Esquichion, being the

<sup>1</sup> 'upsett,' a setting up; a commencement of a business; a fine due to the borough upon commencing a craft.

<sup>2</sup> In Mr. Ralph Edge, the Town Clerk's handwriting.

Towne's Armes, the topp of the Mace being the Armes *which* was in Oliver's tyme, and a little Crowne belonging to the Mace.

3434 (inside the cover).

1661, Thursday, October 17.

It is this day ordered that from henceforth the seuerall members of this Councell shall, vpon *Sommons* thiren, Attend the Maior for 5 the tyme beinge at his *Commen* halls from *Michaelmas* till Lady Day, by Nyne of the Clocke in the morning, and from Lady Day till *Michaelmas* at 8 of the Clocke, and that such *person* or *persons* as shall neglecte theire Attendance at the foresaid tymes shall forfeite vjd. for euerie daye's neglecte, *which* some is to be demaunded of 10 them by the Maior's *Commen* serient, and if they shall refuse to pay vpon demand, such *person* or *persons* shall be expelled this Company till *payment* be made, vnlesse he or they shall obteyne licence from the Maior for the tyme beinge. It is allsoe agreed that the *said* severall members shall, for the better confirmacion of this order, 15 subscribe theire respective names herevnto.<sup>1</sup>

3434, fo. 11.

It is this day allsoe ordered *yat* there shalbe a Newe mace made, and that the old one shalbe sould, and what money shalbe spent thereon shalbe paid by the present Chamberlayns, and put vpon theire accounte.

*Ib.*, fo. 12. 20

1661, Monday, October 21.

*Lord Chaworth*.—It is this day ordered that the Chamberlynes for the tyme beinge shall forthwith make Sixe new Gownes,<sup>2</sup> accordinge to the gownes made the last yeare, as by the last will and Testament of the honorable George Lord Chaworth is appoynted, *which* said Gownes, when made, are to be disposed of to [such] sixe 25 poore widdowes as this Councell shall name and appoynte. *Ib.*, fo. 13.

1661, Monday, October 28.

Be it remembred, that this day the Some of Tenn poundes, receaved of Humpfrey Barker for the makinge him a Burgesse of this Towne, was paid vnto the hands of *Master* Ralph Edge to be by him imployed for the makinge of a Newe Mace for the Maior of this 30 Corporacion.

*Ib.*, p. 14.

1661, Monday, November 4.

*Moles*.—It is this day ordered that Randle Moore, who hath beene imployed at the Charge of the Corporacion for the takinge

<sup>1</sup> Thirty signatures follow.

<sup>2</sup> The gowns were all blue.

and killinge of Moles within the feilds and meadowes belonginge to this Towne, shall from henceforth be discharged from killinge any more vpon the Towne's charge, and allsoe Master[s] Chamberlyns are hereby desired to give the said Randle Moore notice of this  
5 order, and forbear to pay the said Moore any thinge more for the takinge or killinge of any Moles. *Ib.*, fo. 14a.

1661, Tuesday, December 3.

*Flaxe to be bought to sett the poore on worke.*—It is this day allsoe ordered that the present Chamberlyns shall buy soe much Flaxe as may conveniently keepe Forty poore people at worke, And that  
10 William James shall take care of the deliverie thereof to such poore people as shalbe thought fitt for such imployment, and allsoe, vpon receipte of such quantities of Flaxe as shalbe spunn, to pay those poore people such somes of money as shalbe allowed for their labour, And that the said William James shall at all tymes observe  
15 such orders and direccions for the due orderinge of the said Flaxe as he shalbe directed by John Fillingham, Alderman, and John Mortlocke and Christopher Hall, gentlemen. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1661, Tuesday, December 17.

v. li. a peece to be lent for the payinge for a New mace.

*Moneys lent by the Councell towards the payment of the Mace.*—  
20 It is this day ordered,<sup>1</sup> that soe many of this Councell as will lend the some of v. li. a peece towards the payment of the New mace, shal be repaid such Somes by the present Chamberlyns oute of the first moneys or Townes rents yat shall come to their hands. Or if in case the present Chamberlyns can procure the Some of threescore  
25 pounds at Interest, this Councell are contente to give them bond for the same vnder the Towne's Seale. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1661, December.<sup>2</sup>

*James Parramore.*—It is this day ordered yat the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall wekely pay vnto the said James Parramore  
xijd. for and in respecte of his officiatinge in the place of Bedle of  
30 the Beggars in the respective parishes of Saint Peters and Saint

<sup>1</sup> ordered,] 'order,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> The pages of the Council book on which this and the following minute occur are undated, but are between the dates

December 17th and 30th, and the meeting was probably held on the 23rd or 24th December.

Nicholas, for soe longe tyme as this Councell shall please to continue the said payment, And not longer. *Ib.*, fo. 17.

*Mace money.*—Whereas there is now present occasion for the borrowinge of 60 li. at interest for 3 moneths, to raise money to pay for the New Mace intended for the service of this Towne, It is therefore desired by this Councell yat Master Danyell Sulley and Master William Petty would give their bond to such person or persons as will lend the same; And for their soe doinge this Councell doe hereby oblige the Creditt of this Company for their Security and Indempnity for that debte. *Ib.*, fo. 17a. 10

1661-2, Monday, March 3.

*Shorte Hill: a well to be made there.*—It is this day ordered that the present Chamberlyns shall pay vnto some discreete person, inhabitant vpon the Short-hill, the some of Forty shillings towards the sinckinge of a draw well there. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1662, Monday, June 2.

*Schole Masters.*—It is this day ordered that the Schoole Masters for the tyme beinge shall provide a fitt person to Collecte the Tyth hay in kinde, or to make Composition with the severall land-houlders for a reasonable value for their seuerall tythes, As allsoe to be employed in the preventinge of the poore of this Towne from stealinge of hay in the feilds, vnder Coloure or pretence of Rakinge of hay. *Ib.*, fo. 29. 15

1663, Monday, October 26.

*Master Bealey.*—It is this day ordered by this Company, that vnlesse Master William Bealey shall resume his places of one of this Councell and Coroner for this Towne, on this side and before the Feast of Saint Martyn, the Bishopp, in winter next, And that he doe provide himself a Gowne for the King's Livery, according to the Custome of this Towne, he is fyned at x. li. for his Contempt. 25

'I, A.B. doe declare that I hould that there lyes no obligacion vpon me or any other person from the Oath commonly called, "The Solempne League and Covenant," And that the same was in it selfe an vnlawfull oath, and imposed vpon the Subiects of this Realme against the knowne Lawes and Liberties of this kingdome.'<sup>1</sup> 30

3435, fo. 14.

<sup>1</sup> This entry is subscribed by eleven signatures.

*Bread for poore prisoners.*—It is this day ordered that this Corporacion, for the tyme to come, shall pay and allowe to the Sheriffes of this Towne for the tyme beinge all such some and Somes of money as they shall expend in Bread to and for the Fellons and Prisoners in  
5 theire Custody yat ought to be allowed Bread accordinge to the Lawe.

It is this day ordered that the Some of Fifty poundes shalbe layd oute for the settinge the poore of this Towne on worke in the spyninge of Flaxe, And that Master Alderman Jackson, Master John Greaves, Master Christofer Hall, and Master Edward Greaves are  
15 desired to take Care in the discreete management of this businesse. And it is further ordered that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall pay vnto them the some of Fifty pounds.

It is ordered that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall, at the Corporacion Charge, make vp that Arch of the Leene Bridge yat  
15 belongs to this Towne to be in hight foure feete. *Ib.*, fo. 14a.

1663, Monday, November 9.

*For the passinge of the Accounts in his Majestye's Courte of Exchequer at Westminster.*

It is this day ordered, by the full and free Consent of this Company, yat the Accounts of the seuerall Maiors of this Towne, as the  
20 Maior for the tyme beinge is the King's Escaetor, shalbe passed at the Common Charge of this Corporacion for soe many of the late Maiors as there eyther are or shalbe processe issued against them, As allsoe the like Accounts shalbe yearely, for the tyme to come, passed and sued oute at the like Charge of this Corporacion for the re-  
25 spective Maiors for the tyme to come.

*The old Mace.*—It is this day ordered that the old Mace, formerly vsed for the Maior's Mace of this Corporacion, shalbe forthwith delivered by the present Maior to the present Chamberlyns, to be by them sould at the best value: And the money to be employed for  
30 the vse of this Corporacion. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

Whereas it hath beene an Ancient custome, that the twoe Seriants attendinge the Twoe Sheriffes of this Corporacion did vsually beare twoe Silver Maces before the present Maior, Sheriffes, and Commonalty of this Corporacion vpon all publique meetings and solemp-  
35 nities, which for some yeares last past hath beene discontinued by occasion of the late Warrs: It . . . .<sup>1</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 15a.

<sup>1</sup> The resolution does not appear, the page of the minute-book being left blank after this word.

1663, Tuesday, December 22.

It is this day ordered that the Chamberlayns shall pay for catching of moles but 12d. a dozen for the time to come.

This day the old Mace was brought into the house, and delivered to the Chamberlayns to be sold for the Towne's vse. *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1663-4, Friday, January 22.

It is this day ordered that the Chamberlayns for the tyme beinge shall yearely pay vnto the Right Noble William, Marquesse Newcastle, the some of Tenn shillings for ye Passage to the watering place neare the Castle side. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1663-4, Friday, February 5.

This day Master Samuell Birch, Master of Arts, is by this Society conducted<sup>1</sup> and hired [and] chosen to bee Schoolemaster of the free Schoole of the towne of Nottingham aforesaid, and<sup>2</sup> the said Master Birch is to haue 50 li. *per Annum*, to bee paid him quarterly by the Guardians of the sayd Schoole.

And the sayd Samuell Birch hath promised yat he will not leave ye sayd schoole without giving a quarter's warning, in Case hee should go from it; also that he will not take a personage nor vicorage, nor curatship vpon him, nor preach without the consent of the Major<sup>3</sup> and Schoole-Guardians, or two of them, firste had and obtained; also that he will bring his schollers to church on Frydays in Lent, to heare divine service, etc., and likewise vse prayers every morning in the Schoole. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1663-4, Monday, February 22.

At ye Guild Hall, Nottingham.

This day, Master Edge his letter of ye 18th instant was read in this house (as also on Saturday last), and vpon serious consideration and debate had about the restriction to be put into our charter, concerning the election of Recorder, steward, and towne-clerke, it was agreed vpon yat a petition, sealed with the Towne's seale, should be preferred to his majesty, to renew it without such Restriction, as formerly it hath beene, which was in this house before this Company sealed. Sir Gervas Clifton hath wrote his letter to Sir Heanach Finch, Knight and Baronett, Solliceter Generall, to do this Corporation what lawfull favour he can herein, which letter was here read

<sup>1</sup> 'conducted,' hired, or employed for wages.

<sup>2</sup> 'that' here inserted in MS.

<sup>3</sup> Major = Maior, or Mayor.

over, and also he hath sent to Sir Clifford Clifton to sollicit our busines. 'Tis ordered that ye Earle of Clare be written to for his assistance herein, and yat a Coppy of Sir Gervas Clifton's letter be sent to Master Edge, and he to be desired to respite the Charter till  
 5 next tearme, in Case he thinks We shall not haue good successe by our petition. *Ib.*, fo. 25.

1664, Wednesday, April 27.

This day Master Bastian was present, and by reason of his ministeriall function is willing to relinquish his place, beinge the Vnder Schoolemaster, and the Schoolewardens are requested to  
 10 search out for another to perform his place. *Ib.*, fo. 30.

1664, Friday, June 17.

It is this day ordered that <sup>1</sup> Bradshawe, now an vndergraduate of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, shalbe vsher of the Grammer Free Schoole of this Towne of Nottingham, if he shall accepte thereof, and make his speedy comeinge to this Towne.

15 It is this day ordered, that in respecte of the age and Infirmities of Master Samuell Wildey, which renders him altogeather vnserviceable for the place of Maior's Seriant, he shall from henceforth be remoued from the said place of Maior's Seriant, and from the profits thereto belonging; yett Neverthelesse this Councill, in their love  
 20 and Charity to him, and for his better mayntenance and livelyhoode, doe hereby further order that he shall yearely receave from the Chamberlayns of this Towne for the tyme beinge the some of Eight poundes, by quarterly payments, the first payment to be made at Michaelmas next; And this yearely payment to continue duringe the  
 25 good likeinge of this Councill.

*Maior's Seriant.*—It is this day ordered that Master John Shawe shalbe Maior's Seriant in the place of Samuell Wildey, and that he shall from henceforth receave the profits belonging to that place, and that the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall yearely pay  
 30 vnto him Foure poundes by quarterly payments duringe the life of Samuell Wildey; And after his decease, the said John Shawe shall yearely have for his wages Eight poundes, as the said Samuell Wildey formerly had. *Ib.*, fo. 36.

1664, Friday, September 16.

*Fee-Farme in arreare for 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646.*—It is directed

<sup>1</sup> Blank in MS.

that Master Edge shall search in the Exchequer offices, and see howe this Towne, or the sheriffes for those yeares, may be discharged for those yeares' rents: And then give satisfaccion to the Queene's pursuivant. *Ib.*, fo. 42.

1667, Friday, December 13.

*Samuell Platts.*—It is this day ordered that Samuel Platts shalbe 5 Beadle of the Beggars in the Roome of William James, and shall have vj. li. yearly wages, to begin at Christmas quarter.

3436, fo. 12.

1668, Wednesday, June 24.

It is this day ordered that the bleachers at the Leen side haue notice to remoue their Cloath by the first of July next, that soe the 10 Burgesses may haue libertie and vse of their Common. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1668, December 29.

It is this day ordered that such persons as are now Inhabitants of this Towne, and are desireous to make fyne to become Burgesses, and that will take and subscribe the oaths and subscripcion directed by Acte of Parliament, shalbe by the consent and good likinge of 15 this Company made Burgesses, and the one Moyty of such fynes shall be imployed for buyinge of Bells for Saint Marye's Church, and the other for the repayres of Saint Peter's Chancell.

3437, fo. 11.

1669, Thursday, October 21.

*Major's Cooke.*—It is this day ordered that John Beechee shalbe 20 henceforth discharged of beinge Cooke to the Major<sup>1</sup> for the tyme beinge, And that <sup>2</sup> Blackston shall from henceforth [be] reteyned in the Office of Major's Cooke, at the yearly wages of sixe poundes, duringe the pleasure of the Major for the tyme beinge and this Councell, the said Blackston behavinge himselfe as he ought 25 to doe.<sup>3</sup>

*Maces for the Sheriffes' 2 Serjants for the tyme to come.*<sup>4</sup>—It is this day ordered that Master Gervas Wilde and Master Samuell Richards, now Sheriffes of this Towne of Nottingham, shall with all

<sup>1</sup> Major = Maior, or Mayor.

<sup>2</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>3</sup> Beechee was made an annual allowance of 20s. on the 6th September following.

His name appears indifferently as 'Beechee' and 'Beechey' in the Council-book.

<sup>4</sup> Noticed in Bailey under date of October 1st, vol. iii., p. 931.

Convenient speede, provide and buy for the vse of there 2 Serjants  
 2 Maces of Silver, each of the value of Eighte or tenn pounds a  
 peece, *which* some or somes of money the said Sheriffes are  
 pleased to lay downe for the *present*. And, for the tyme to Come, It  
 5 is now ordered that the Sheriffes succeedinge shall hereafter yearly  
 pay vnto the now sheriffes such some or Somes of money as shalbe  
 layd oute for thes maces, abateinge Tenn shillings a peece oute of  
 the Some, vntill the whole price of thes maces shalbe run vpp; And  
 for the Security of the Sheriffes, the Corporacion doth now *promise*  
 10 to secure the *present* sheriffes the money they shall lay oute, and  
 theire Successors,<sup>1</sup> after the same abatement, *which* succeedinge  
 sheriffes shall bring with them to the vestry theire money to be payd  
 to the old Sheriffes before the New sheriffes take theire Oathes.

<sup>2</sup> It is this day ordered that *Master* Ralph Edge and *Master* John  
 15 Parker shall *provide* halfe pence, stampd with the Armes of this Cor-  
 poracion, to the value of 15 li.<sup>3</sup> 3438, fo. 15.

1670, Monday, May 16.

It is this day ordered that the Chamberlins do with all speed  
 view and take Speciall care for the support and reparations of the  
 Saturday Shambles, they being much out of repaire, and in great  
 20 danger of fallinge downe, as this Company is informed. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

1670, Wednesday, August 10.

*Saint Peter's Chancell.*—It is this day ordered, at the request of  
*Master* Samuell Leeke, Rector of the Parish Church of *Saint Peter's*,  
 in the *said* Towne of Nottingham, that an Oake Tree, now ready  
 felled, lyinge in the Narr Coppy, shalbe imployed for the Repayre of  
 25 the Chancell of the *said* Church. And if in case there shalbe iust  
 neede for an other Oaketree, there shalbe one sett oute by the view  
 of Gervas Rippon, Richard Smyth, Samuell Smyth, and Robert  
 White, gentlemen, for the same vse. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

<sup>1</sup> Successors,] 'Successorrs,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 931.  
 There were certainly two and may have  
 been more castings of the token. One of  
 the 'halfpennies' is kept in a glass case,  
 with other tokens, at the Nottingham  
 Castle Museum, and another, a variant,  
 is in the possession of Mr. J. P. Briscoe,  
 Head Librarian, Nottingham Free Library.

<sup>3</sup> To this entry is appended, in Mr.

Enfield, the Town Clerk's handwriting,  
 the following Memorandum:

'Town Clerk's office, Nottingham:

January 25, 1845.

'One of these "halfe pence" was dug  
 'from out of the Soil of Back Lane' [now  
 Wollaton Street], 'in the present Month,  
 'and produced to me.'

'H. Enfield,

'Town Clerk.'

1670, Tuesday, September 6.

*Saint Peter's Chancell.*—It is this day ordered that Master John Greaves pay<sup>1</sup> Forty shillings to Master Samuell Leeke, Rector of Saint Peter's, for the rebuildinge of the Chancell there, And Master Riccards is allsoe to pay the like some of Forty shillings remayning in his hands of old money, and Forty shillings more, this day 5 payd vnto him oute of the Mill money, for the repayre and rebuildinge of the said Chancell; For which said somes, amountinge to vj. li., the said John Greaves and Arthur Riccards are discharged.

*Ib.*, fo. 26.

1671, Wednesday, May 17.

*Coppys.*—It's this day ordered that 4 Oakes standinge in the 10 Narr Coppy shalbe felled for the vse of the Trent Bridges.

3439, fo. 17.

1671, Wednesday, August 23.

*Master Joshuah Vringe.*<sup>2</sup>—It is this day ordered yat Master Joshuah Vringe shall succede Master Bradshaw in the vscher's place in the Freeschoole, at the same Sallary and condicions as Master 15 Bradshaw formerly had and enioyed duringe the tyme that he supplied that place.

*Ib.*, fo. 22.

1671, Friday, September 8.

*Saint Nicholas Church.*—It is this day ordered by this Councell, that vpon the humble Peticion of the Inhabitants of the said Parish to this Councell for some tymber towards the rebuilding of the said 20 Church,<sup>3</sup> the said Inhabitants shall have Tenn Tymber Trees to be felled in the Towne's Coppies of the best trees beinge there (Exceptinge those Trees standinge aboute Saint Ann Wellhouse). And thes 10 trees to be sett oute by the Oversight of William Jackson, Alderman, John Greaves, Coroner, Robert Malyn, Roberte White, 25 and Francis Coxe, [and] Richard Hodgkyn, Alderman, or any fowre of them, which said tymber is to be employed for the said vse, and not otherwise.

*Ministers of the seuerall Parishes in this Towne.*—It is this day ordered that the Ministers of the seuerall parishes within this Towne 30 shall from henceforth have noe Liberty to put any horses into East

<sup>1</sup> pay,] 'payinge,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> Vringe = Uringe.

<sup>3</sup> Here the MS. unnecessarily repeats the words, 'It is this day ordered by this Councell yat.'

Croft, vnlesse they have horses of theire owne, and then in Courtesie, and not of right.

And it is this day further ordered yat noe person or person[s], or any officer or officers within this towne, shall have any horsegates in East Croft gratis, but the Major, Towne Clerke, and Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge, and they to have gates accordinge to antient Custome, *videlicet*, 2 for the Major, 1 for the Towne Clerke, and one for each Chamberlyn. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1672, Thursday, April 4.

*Brade Bridge*.—It is this day ordered that Master Alderman Jackson, Master Alderman Hall, and Master Francis Cocke<sup>1</sup> are desired to take care to make a Bridge of Stone where the Broadbridge now is, And this Councell will pay theire Just expences. And that Master Drury and the others, tenants to the Towne Mills, shalbe sent vnto to secure the Leene from the Brade Bridge to [the] mouth of the Leene, as by Covenante they ought to doe. *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1672, Thursday, May 30.

This day this Councell have freely Elected Maister Jeremiah Cudworth, Master of Arts, to be schoole-master in the place of Master Samuell Byrch, at the same yearly Sallary, and vnder the same lymitacions and restriccions, as Master Byrch was obliged vnto.

It was this day ordered by this Councell, vpon the request of Master Alderman Parker and Master John Greaves, and the rest of the Parishioners of Saint Peter's Parish, that the Chamberlyns shall supply the Churchwardens of that Parish with soe much wood as will make Frames for 2 New Bells to be hunge in that steeple, or soe much money as will buy them wood for that vse.

Master Major, Master Gervas Wilde, and Master Thomas Muxlowe, beinge of the quorum, do freely give theire votes for the Eleccion of Master Cudworth to be Freeschoole-master in the place of Master Byrch. 3440, fo. 20.

1672, October 1.

Memorandum, that this yeare there were noe Waytes Sworne, For that it was agreed by Master William Jackson, the present Major, with consent of his Brothers, the Aldermen, yat theire Cloakes, beinge the Towne's Livery, and the Escoushions, should be taken

<sup>1</sup> This name appears indifferently throughout the minutes as 'Cocke' and 'Cocks.'

from them, in respecte they refused to Attend the present Major with their Instruments, accordinge to Custome, at his beinge proclaymed Major at the Weeke day Crosse, on Michaelmas day, it then fallinge vpon the Sunday. 3441, fo. 2.

1673, Thursday, October 23.

*Seller heads.*—It is this day ordered that the Inhabitants of this Towne shall Make Trapp-Dores, or other Guardes, Over their stayre-heads that are towards the streete, on or before Xmas next. 5

That the Stalls for the Saturday Markett shalbe sett by the owners in convenient places, and not by the Markett-Wall, at the perill of the owners. 3442, fo. 10. 10

1673, Monday, December 8.

*Memorandum*, that this day William Sasheverell, Esquire, was Sworne one of the Burgesses of this Corporacion by the full and free consent of the members of this Councell. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1674, Tuesday, August 11.

Put to the Question, Whether the Mayor and Burgesses shall suffer Master George Gregory, Esquire, to build and encroach vpon 15 the streete and Town's Wast in Swine Green in Nottingham without paying an annuall rent or acknowledgement to the Mayor and Burgesses :

It is this day ordered that George Gregory, Esquire, shall not build vpon the streete and Towne's wast on the Swyne Green without 20 an Annuall rent or acknowledgment to the Mayor and Burgesses.

*Ib.*, fo. 24.

1674-5, Wednesday, March 3.

*John Hutchinson, sonne of Godfrey Hutchinson.*—It is this day ordered that the Schoole Wardens for the tyme beinge shall quarterly pay vnto the said John Hutchinson xs. for 4 yeares next, if he shall 25 be admitted and shall Continue a student in any vniversity of this kingdome.

3443, fo. 17.

1675, Monday, March 29.

*Escheator.*—It is this day ordered yat Master Ralph Edge retayne Councell to move the Courte of Exchequer, the next Easter terme, to have a discharge for the Major of Nottingham for the tyme to Come, 30 to be freed from passing any account in the Exchequer as to the office of Escheator, and this Courte shall pay the expenses.

*Ib.*, fo. 19.

1675, July 12.

*Corroners.*—Vpon informacion made this day vnto this Councell by Master Alsabrooke and Master Greaves, the present Corroners of this Corporacion, that antiently there was a Fee of Eight shillings by the yeare payd vnto them as Corroners, and that they had nott  
 5 receaved the same but once in the space of an Eleaven yeares last past: It is this day ordered by this Councell that Master Samuell Richards shall forthwith pay vnto the said Corroners soe much money as shalbe iustly due vnto them, oute of such moneys as are now remayning in his hands as Bridge Master of the Bridges belong-  
 10 inge to this Corporacion. And this order shalbe Master Richards' discharge for soe much. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1675, August 3.

*30 li. Given towards the Leadinge of Saint Nicholas Church.*—Memorandum, yat this day Master Edward Greaves brought in a Receipte vnder the hand of Master John Martyn for the receipte of  
 15 the Some of Thirty pounds given by this Councell for and towards the Coveringe of Saint Nicholas Church, now in buildinge, with Leade, which receipte beares date the 24th day of October, 1674: which receipte was this day delivered to the said Edward Greaves.

*Ib.*, fo. 24.

1675, Monday, November 1.

20 *Lord Marquesse Dorchester.*<sup>1</sup>—It is this day ordered by this Councell that Master Alderman Edge, Master Samuel Richards [and] Master Gervas Wilde be desired to wayte vpon the Lord Marquesse of Dorchester, to desire his Letters to prevent the makinge the River Trent Navigable:

25 That the Chamberlaynes pay vnto Master Alderman Edge the Some of Tenn pounds, to reteyne Councell, to prevent the makinge the River Trent Navigable:

To Advise with Councell aboute a Bill in the Exchequer against Lenton Faire.

30 *A stocke for the Poore.*—It is this day agreed the Chamberlynnes shall cause a Trusse of Flaxe to be bought att Hull, at the first opportunity, to<sup>2</sup> sett the poore of this Towne on worke this Winter.

3444, fo. 9.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 957.<sup>2</sup> 'the' here added in MS.

1675, November 8.

<sup>1</sup>Whereas Master Richard Smyth did insist vpon it, that hee was legally elected one of the senior Councill after the death of Master Benjamin Richards, but it beinge alledged, *which* hee could not deny, that hee had not receaved the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper within the tyme limitted, *pursuant* to the Act of Parliament, Notwithstande- 5  
inge that hee came here and did offer to sitt, and threat to bringe his *Mandamus*, etc., since *which* tyme hee hath made his submission, and acknowledged the offence and affront which hee hath made, And is sorry for it; And wee doe accept of his submission.

*Ib.*, fo. 10. 10

1676, Tuesday, August 22.

*Passinge Bells and Ringeinge of Bells at Funeralls.*—It is allsoe ordered yat from this day forward the Sextons of the seuerall parishes within this Towne shall forbear to tole the Bell any Longer then one quarter of an houre in that houre that is appoynted for the meetinge of the Guests to attend the Funerall, and then noe longer, 15  
vntill the Corps be brought oute to be Carryed to the Church, And those yat are desirous to have all the Bells Runge shall have them at the rate accustomed.

*Ib.*, fo. 33.

1677, Friday, May 25.

*Schoolehouse.*—It is this day ordered that Master Joseph Clay, Master Gervas Wylde and S[amuel] Richards, together with the <sup>20</sup>  
Schoolewardens, shall veiue the Free schoole hou[s]e, in order to ye pulling down the West end.

3445, fo. 16.

1677, Tuesday, July 3.

*Schoole house.*—It is this day ordered by this Councill yat the Major for the tyme beinge, Master Alderman Greaves, Master Alderman Edge, Master John Greaves, and Master Samuell Richards be <sup>25</sup>  
imployed to treat with Roberte Pierrepont, Esquire, aboute the Exchang of the Freeschoole.

*Ib.*, fo. 18.

1677, Friday, July 26.

*Vsher of the Free-schoole.*—It is this day ordered by this Councill yat Master John Littlefaire, Batchelour of Arts, shalbe Vsher of the said Freeschoole dureinge pleasure, in the place of Master Joshuah <sup>30</sup>  
Vringe, deceased.<sup>2</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 24.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 958.

<sup>2</sup> This order was renewed on 25th July, 1678.

1678, Friday, June 21.

*Memorandum*, It is this day ordered yat the Common-house shall be Bordered, and that the stears shall be Remoued into the Back Roome, and ye Roome to be Wenscoat[ed], and ye Chamberlyns to goe forth with about it. 3446, fo. 12.

1678, Tuesday, September 10.

5 *John Bennett, Swyneheard*.—*Memorandum*, this day a horne with Worsted Trymings was delivered to John Bennet[t], whome this Councell have settled in the Office of the Common Swyneheard duringe the pleasure of this Councell. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1678, Tuesday, September 24.

*For the finishinge of Saint Nicholas Church steeple and Chancell*.—  
10 It is this day ordered that ye present Chamberlyns shall pay into the hands of Master Alderman Parker, Junior, 50 li., and that Master Major, Master Alderman Parker, Junior, Master John Greaves, and Master Petty shalbe overseers of ye building of Saint Nicholas Church-steeple and Chancell.<sup>1</sup>

15 <sup>2</sup>Williamson, of Keyworth, yat can beate a Barr of Iron Cold into horse neales. . . .<sup>3</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 17.

1680, Tuesday, October 5.

‘I doe declare and beleieve that it is not lawfull, vpon any pretexte  
‘whatsoever, to take armes against the King, And that I doe abhorre  
‘that traiterous position of takinge armes by his Authority against  
20 ‘his person, or against those that are Commissionated by him, soe  
‘helpe me God.’<sup>4</sup> 3448, fo. 9.

1680, Tuesday, December 14.

*Memorandum*, that this day Master Serjant Bigland was vnani-  
mously Elected Recorder of this Corporacion vpon the death of the  
Right Noble Henry Lord Marquesse of Dorchester, late Recorder,  
25 who, after his said Eleccion, tooke the severall Oathes directed by  
Acte of Parliament and the Custome of this Corporacion, and made  
his Subscripcion against the late Solemp[n]e League and Covenante.  
*Ib.*, fo. 12a.

<sup>1</sup> The Coppice-trees were at the same time ordered to be felled ‘towards the building of the Church.’

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 972.

<sup>3</sup> The entry here abruptly ends.

<sup>4</sup> This declaration was subscribed to by the members of the Council.

1681, Wednesday, July 20.

*Memorandum*, It is this day ordered by this Councill, that ye Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge shall pay vnto Master Christopher Reynolds the Somme of Twenty-Foure pounds, Twelve shillings and Foure pence, in discharge of soe much money by him disbursed for the Charges of Gervas Rippon, now Major, Christofer Hall, John Parker, and Gervase Wild, Aldermen, in their Jorney to London and Windsor, in presentinge an Adresse to his Majesty from the Major and Burgesses of this Corporacion, for his Gracious declaracion made vpon the dissolucion of the late Parliament, held att Oxford in March last past.

3448, fo. 20. 10

1681, August 14.

*Memorandum*, yat this day George Allseabrooke, gentleman, one of the Coroners of this Towne of Nottingham, came before me Gervas Rippon, Major of the said Towne of Nottingham, and did then voluntarily and of his own accorde Surrender his said Office of Coronershipp, and prayed that there may [be] another Coroner Elected and Chosen in his place, accordinge to the Custome of the said Towne of Nottingham; yett, neverthesse, desires to Continue in his place of one of the Clothinge Councill of this Corporacion vntill he shall further Consider of the same.

Witness my hand the daye and yeare abouesaid.<sup>1</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 21. 20

1681-2, Friday, January 27.

*Trent Bridges*.—It is this day ordered that Master John Greaves, Master Samuel Richards, Master Francis Samon,<sup>2</sup> and soe many More of this Councill as will goe to view the Waterworke<sup>3</sup> att the Trent Bridges, as shall have Notice thereof from the present Bridge-masters.

*Howses yat were lately Built against the South side of the wall of Saint Marye's Church*.—It is this day ordered yat the Chamberlyns for the tyme being shall take downe the severall howses against the

<sup>1</sup> The signature 'Geo. Alseabrooke' is appended to this minute, and is 'witnessed' by the Mayor, the Mayor's Clerk, and three of the Council.

<sup>2</sup> Usually spelt 'Salmon' in the Council-books.

<sup>3</sup> Embanking, wattling, etc., to protect banks against the river.

South side of *Saint Marye's Church-yard* that are nowe vntenanted, and dispose of the Materialls thereof to the vse of this Corporacion.

3449, fo. 11.

1682, Tuesday, July 25.

*Memorandum*, yat this day the *Commen Seale* of this Corporacion was, by the vnanimous Consent of this Councell, Affixed to an Abhorance made by the Grand Jurors at Easter Sessions last past, against that Asotiacion found in the Earle of Shaftesbury's Clossett, to demonstrate the Loyalty of this Corporacion to our most gracious Sovereigne Lord the Kinge that now is, whom God preserve.

10 <sup>1</sup> *Memorandum*, yat it was put to the Vote of this Councell this day, wheather this Corporacion shall Surrender their Charters to His Majesty att this tyme, or vpon further Consideracion:

*Memorandum*, yat the vote beinge stated as before, the votes were even, Foureteene and Foureteene, and the Major's Casting vote  
15 settled the debate, yat the Charters are to be Surrendred. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1682, Wednesday, November 15.

*Mattersey Toll: Bingley, Tenant.*—It is this day Ordered by this Councell that if *William Bingley* shall be denyed the payment of Tolls att *Mattersey Bridge* yat are Jusly due to this Corporacion, he shall Impleye *Master Jonathan Acklam*, his Neighbour, an Attorney  
20 att *Lawe*, to sue such Refusers by due Course of *Lawe*, or the Exchequer Chamber, as Councell shall Advise. And yat such charges and Expences as *Master Acklam* shall reasonably expend, shalbe Justly payd vnto him from tyme to tyme vpon the demand of this Corporacion.

*Ib.*, fo. 19.

1682-3, January 11.

25 *Clay vpon ye Wasts in or neare Nottingham playnes.*—It is this day ordered by this Councell yat ye seuerall persons yat digg Claye vpon the Playnes shalbe this day discharged, and their kills<sup>2</sup> and hovells pulled downe forthwith.

3450, fo. 13.

1683, Wednesday, March 28.

*The New Charter.*—It is this day Ordered by this Councell that  
30 whatsoever Money hath beene Expended in ye obteyninge of the New Charter, or shall hereafter be Expended in the defence of the

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., pp. 991-2.

<sup>2</sup> kills = kilns.

said New Charter, shalbe payed and discharged oute of the Revenue to this Corporacion. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1683, Friday, June 8.

*Towne Leases.*—It is this day ordered by this Councill, yat from henceforth this Corporacion shall not Contracte with, or Seale, any Leases to any person or persons whatsoever, of any the Lands or Tenements belonginge to this Corporacion, but to such onely as shalbe Sworne Burgesses of this Corporacion, as it is now Incorporated by the name of Major, Aldermen, and Burgesses. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1683, Monday, July 23.

*Addresse to his Majesty.*—It is this day Ordered by this Councill, yat yat Addresse which was here read this day, be presented to his Majesty by Maister Christopher Hall, Alderman, And yat a Somme of money be forthwith Raysed to defray his Expenses in this Affaire. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1683, Thursday, November 22.

*Master John Simpson.*—It is this day ordered yat Master John Simpson, Parson of *Saint Nicholas*, shall have 15 li. a year, to be paid quarterly by ye Handes of ye Chamberlyns, by equall Portions; his first Payment to begin at Christmas next, and soe to continue duringe ye Pleasure of this house.

*Alderman Wylde and Alderman Rippon.*—It is this day ordered by this Common Councill that ye Chamberlains shall pay 40s. into ye Hands of Alderman Wylde and Alderman Rippon, towards ye building and securing of ye Butts. 3451, fo. 15.

1683-4, March 12.

It is this day ordered that Master Major, Alderman Petty, Alderman Wyld, the two Coroners,<sup>1</sup> Master Samuell Hooke, or any fowre of these, together with ye two Briggmasters, shall have full power to make such Contracts as they shall thinke expedient to bee done, in order to ye Buildinge of the Bridges.<sup>2</sup>

Itt is this day further ordered that the persons above named, together with Master Alderman Rippon, to view what woods in the Coppice are<sup>3</sup> proper and fitt to be sold towards ye raising of moneys

<sup>1</sup> Robert Wortley and William Woolhouse.

<sup>2</sup> A destructive flood had occurred, and the Trent Bridge had been almost entirely destroyed by pieces of ice floating down

the stream. Bailey notices this and the following order, but gives the date as 12th March, 1682-3. See vol. ii., p. 1009.

<sup>3</sup> are,] 'is,' MS.

for ye charge abouesaid, and that they be impowred to sell the wood aforesaid for ye same vse. *Ib.*, fo. 25.

1684, Wednesday, April 2.

*George Wallis.*<sup>1</sup>—It is this day agreed by this Councell yat George Wallis shall begyn the next Fryday to take a weekly  
5 Account of all Labourers yat shalbe employed in and aboute the rebuildinge of the Trent Bridges, and take a weekly account, as well of the Number of the Labourers as of their weekly wages, from weeke to weeke, untill the worke be compleately Finished, or this Councell otherwise shall determyne. And in consideracion of his  
10 the said George Wallis his care and paynes to be herein taken, this Councell doe hereby promise to pay him Eight shillings a weeke, and soe for every weeke he shall continue this Employe.

*Tolles to be demaunded of goods and Merchandizes passinge over the River Trent from Thrumpton to Viccars Dike.*—It is this day ordered  
15 by this Councell yat the Sheriffes of this Corporacion for the tyme beinge shall from tyme to tyme demaund the Tolles for passage over the River Trent in all places as accustomed: And vpon refusall of payment, to take a reasonable distresse: And if such distresse shalbe replevied,<sup>2</sup> the Charges of such suite shalbe defrayed at the  
20 Charge of this Corporacion; And such further Course shalbe taken as Counsell shall advise therein. *Ib.*, fo. 29.

1684, Friday, May 16.

*Town Tenants.*—Memorandum, this day Master Ralph Bennett, Master Samuel Lealand, Master Francis Salmon, Master Robert Green, Master Steven Garner, John Owen, William Burrows,  
25 Jonathan Symson, William Burgin, William Robinson, and Humphrey Barker came and paid their seuerall rents in arreare to this Corporacion, and submitted themselves to the charges to be set vpon them by this house; And also made their humble submissions for yeire hitherto deteyning their rents, and opposeing his Majestyc's late  
30 gracious Charter, And then received towards ye charges of suite of ye seuerall persons above-named ye summe of twenty-two pounds, which is paid into ye hands of Master Christopher Reynolds.

*Ib.*, fo. 33.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1009.

<sup>2</sup> To replevy is to re-deliver distrained

goods to the owner, on his giving pledges in an action of replevin.

1684, Monday, September 1.

*Water Carts.*—It is this day ordered by this Councill, yat those persons yat shall continue the New vse of Carryinge of Water from the River Leene, or other places, for Brewinge, Washinge or other necessary vses, in Carts, or other Carriages on wheelles, shall for the tyme to come vse noe wheelles, but such as shalbe Clogg wheelles, and not bound with Ironn or Nayles; Vpon payne to Forfeite twoo shillings and Sixe pence, to be Leveyed by distresse.

*The Inhabitants of Snenton.*—Whereas by an order made the 29th day of October, in the 37th yeare of the Raigne of Queene Elizabeth of England, etc., by the then Major and Councill of this Towne of Nottingham, That noe person beinge a Forryner shall Leade any Manure or Mucke oute of the Towne's Libertyes vnlesse he pay therefore to the Chamberlyns of this towne<sup>1</sup> for the tyme beinge, for every Carte Loade a Penney, for soe many Loades as they Carry over any pavement, And yat Snenton Burg' men shall fetch noe mucke oute of this Towne, vnless they doe yearely amend the highway att the Tyle house Lane before Midsommer day, It is this day ordered by this Councill yat<sup>2</sup> the former order be revived and stand in force, and the Chamberlyns for the tyme beinge see this Order be duly executed.

*Ib.*, fo. 43. 20

1684-5, Saturday, March 14.

His Grace, the Duke of Newcastle, being recorder of this Corporation, and his said office of Recordership determining with ye death of his late sacred Majestye King Charles ye 2<sup>d</sup> of ever blessed memory, The Major, Aldermen and Clothing Councel, being this day assembled for the eleccion of a Recorder, have vnanimously elected his said Grace Henry, Duke of Newcastle, etc., To honour them with the acceptance of the said office.<sup>3</sup>

3452, fo. 16.

CXXXVIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1685, May 4.

*Ex orientali parte villae Nottinghamiae praedictae.*<sup>4</sup>

*Imprimis*, we doe present William Bilbey and Edward Ashmore for practizinge Phisicke and surgery, not havinge a Licence.

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<sup>1</sup> towne,] 'tyme,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> 'That' after 'yt' in MS.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Charles Bawdes (the successor of Mr. Edge, who died Sept. 4, 1684) was re-

ected Town Clerk on the Tuesday following (March 17, 1685), for the same reason.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: From the eastern side of the town of Nottingham aforesaid.

Robert Tompson for the same.

Wee doe present Francis Hutchinson, William Bloomer, Mathew Slater, George Shears, Thomas Cow, Thomas Pacy, [and] Roger Radford for killinge vnwholesome meat; we likewise present Josua  
5 Ellison and Peter Pearson, beinge wardens of the butchers, for suffer-  
inge the said meat to be sold in the shambles. 90a, ro. 12.

*Ex occidentali parte villae praedictae.<sup>1</sup>*

We present Mary Kitchen for selling severall Commodities, as Groserie, Candles, sope, Starch, Strong Waters, and Tobacco, not  
10 serving seaven yeares to a Groser.

Anne James for the like. *Ib.*, ro. 14.

*Jurata Constabulariorum.<sup>2</sup>*

We present Elen Jackson, widdo, for her cart Standing in ye Street.

15 We present John Parker, Last-maker, for not cleansing his dore.

We present Theofalus Neuam for not clensing ouer aganst his dungel in ye Narow Marsh. *Ib.*, ro. 15.

1685, Monday, July 21.

*Jurata Constabulariorum.<sup>2</sup>*

Wee present John Husse for not paying to common work.

20 Wee present Mary Childs, widdo, for refeusin' to pay to watch.

Wee present Moncer Shiner for not paying to watch [and] common work.

Wee present James Chadweek for a Light into a Seler Liing open in to ye heiway.

25 Wee present Danel Broune for harboring a inmate.

Wee present John Sharp for takeing in inmates.

Wee present William Beckworth for refeusing to pay to watch and common work. 90, ro. 1.

### CXXXIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1685, Thursday, August 6.

*Towne's Pewter.*—Whereas the Towne's Pewter hath receaved  
30 much Damage by beinge lent to Publick Houses, It is therefore this

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: From the western side of the town aforesaid. These presentments and the following are of the same date as the preceding. <sup>2</sup> *Translation*: The Constables' Jury.

day ordered, That the *said* Pewter shall not from henceforward be lent to any Publick House, vnless the Major and Commonalty be there concerned.

Whereas formerly the Major had but 10li. quarterly for his Sallery, This house, consideringe the great Expences the Major is at 5 in his Majoralty, (which far exceed his *aforesaid* Sallery), have vnanimously consented and ordered that 10li. more, quarterly, shall be added to his Sallery ; So that from henceforth the Major for the time beinge shall have 20li. paid him quarterly by the Chamberlyns : First Payment at Xmas. 3452, fo. 20. 10

1685, Wednesday, August 12.

*Vnder School Master.*—The Major, Aldermen, and Councill beinge this day assembled for ye Eleccion of an Vnder School Master in the Roome of Master Littlefaire, lately deceased, have vnanimously Elected Master Samuel Byrch to serve in ye *aforesaid* place.

*Ib.*, fo. 21. 15

1685, September 9.

*Trent Close.*—Whereas by the late fall of the Trent Bridges, and by makeing a water-work<sup>1</sup> for the turning ye river, for rebuilding the said Bridges, much of the Land of the *said* Trent Close (being ye Aldermen's Burgesse parts), is worne and taken away, It is thought fit, by the vnanimous consent of this house, that whereas the *said* 20 Aldermen paid 20s. *per annum* to ye Corporacion as a yearly rent for their particular Burgesse parts, In consideracion of the Losse of the ground *aforesaid*, and for and in liue<sup>2</sup> of their wages due to them by ye stattute as Justices of ye peace, That they shall, for ye year last past, pay but 5s. a peice for their Burgesse parts, and So also five 25 shillings *per annum* for ye *said* parts for ye future.

*Sheep in ye Commons.*

It is this day ordered that no manner of person whatsoever shall put in above six score sheep into ye Feilds or Commons belonging to this towne ; But if any such person shall overcharge the Common, or put in more sheep then his own, vnder the Colour or pretence of their 30 being another man's, they and euery of them so offending shall be subject to a penaltye, order, or by-Law mencioned in a certaine ould Table remaining in ye Towne's Hall, or shall stand to such fine as this house shall think fit. *Ib.*, fo. 25.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 322, note 3.

<sup>2</sup> liue = lieu.

CXL.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1685-6, January 18.

*Ex occidentali parte villae [Nottinghamiae] praedictae.*<sup>1</sup>

We present Edward Parkinson, of Epperston, for selling one Roand<sup>2</sup> Gelding, on the Markett day, in Nottingham, on the 30th day of May last, vntouled,<sup>3</sup> contrary to the Statute in that behalfe made.

5 William Pilkinton, of Cropwell Butler, for selling a black Mare, with a Star and dale-back't,<sup>4</sup> in Nottingham, on the Markett day, on the 30th day of May last, and vntoul'd,<sup>3</sup> contrary [to] the Statute in that behalfe made.

We present Edward Jackson, a Baker, for annoying the street  
10 called Bridlesmith-gate, with Gosse lyeing in the said Street all night, at severall times.

We present Mary Kitchen for following the Trade of a Grocer (not serving seaven yeares to the same), in Not[tingham] for one Month last past.

90a, ro. 16.

CXLI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1685-6, Friday, February 19.

15 It is this Day ordered, that such person or persons as may make claime to this House for any Burgesse parte, and doe not bringe a Certificate vnder the Hand of the Minister of the parish wherein they dwell, for their Receiveinge the Sacrament accordinge to the Vusage of ye Church of England, within Twelve Months before such Burgesse  
20 parts shall fall, they shall be Debarred from their Burgesse parts.

3453, fo. 13.

1685-6, Monday, March 1.

*Thomas Elliott.*—Whereas Thomas Elliott haveinge lately lent a Horse to the vse of this Corporacion, and the said Horse by some ill accident dyed vpon his Journey, The said Thomas Elliott beinge very  
25 Poore, and peticioning this House for some allowance to ye repaireinge of his Losse, They, out of their Charity, have this Day ordered that the summe of Three Pounds shall be forthwith paid to the said Thomas Elliott by ye present Chamberlins, towards his aforesaid Losse.

<sup>1</sup> *Translation:* From the western side of the town [of Nottingham] aforesaid.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, roan.

<sup>3</sup> 'vntouled' = untolled; *i.e.*, without paying the toll due for the sale.

<sup>4</sup> So MS. Dale-back't = hollow-backed?

*William Parnham*.—Wher[e]as William Parnham was discharged from Malting in this Corporacion, being a Forrainer, according to an order made in ye Quarter Sessions, he being not a Freeman of the said Corporacion, He, the said William Parnham, submitting himselfe, and paying x.li. for the use of the said Corporacion, to be made a Freeman thereof, It is Ordered therefore that He, the said William Parnham, shall [be] made Burgess, takeing the Oaths as ye Statute appoints.<sup>1</sup> Ib., fo. 14.

CXLII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1686, April 19.

*Jurata Constabulariorum.*<sup>2</sup>

Wee present Thomas Waller, in Beller gate, for ridelling ashes in 10 ye high way.

Wee present John Pasy, att ye bridge-end, for nott carrying away his dirtt.

Wee present Master Thomas Porter and Master Banes for denying their horses for ye king's service. 15

Wee present Joseph Barns for Abusing A constable, and Refeusing to find a hors for the king. 90, ro. 2.

1686, July 19.

*Jurata Constabulariorum.*<sup>2</sup>

Wee present William Beckworth for nott paying to common work and watch. 20

Wee present William Walkden Smith for sweeping ye dirt into common Isew.

Wee present Master Wileman, in Hound's gate, for sweeping dirt into common Isue.

Like wise Mistris Clarke, Henery Heely, and Thomas Smith, 25 Joyner, for ye like.

Wee present John Rainols for dirt att his dore.

Likewise Master Tirpin, and John Person and Master Kinsey.

Wee present Widdow Peach, att Chapple Bar, for an inmate.

*Ib.*, ro. 3. 30

<sup>1</sup> At the same time Thomas Whitlock and George Beeston, both 'foreign' maltsters, were made burgesses on similar terms.

<sup>2</sup> Translation: Constables' Jury.

1686, Monday, July 19.

*Ex Orientali parte villae Nottinghamiae praedictae.*<sup>1</sup>

We present Master William Drury, Senior, for Laying muck in the Meddows before Saint Bortholomie day.

Wee present Master William Drury for anoying ye highway by  
5 ye Leene side with a dung hill.

We present Master William Druery for<sup>2</sup> Laying wood on ye Loc Pauement, and setting Waggon and Carts there.

Wee present Thomas Ashmore, Mary Caulton, William Champion, Elizabeth Linley, at ye 'Beare,' Thomas Midleton, Thomas Sweeting,  
10 John Twells, Sarah Vernon, Ellen Willcock, George Walker [and] Dorothy Hall for selling ale without Licence, for a month last past.

Wee present Nathaniell Bates for fishing in ye Mayor's Pooles with quick<sup>3</sup> baite.

*Ib., ro. 5.*

1686, Monday, October 11.

*Ex Orientali parte villae praedictae.*<sup>4</sup>

15 Wee present Caleb Wilkinson for kepping open Shope, and falowing the Traid, on<sup>5</sup> month last past, of a Lether seller, not being apprenticed, *contra* [Statutum].<sup>6</sup>

Allso, wee present John Wilkinson for falowing The treaid, on<sup>5</sup> month last past, of Last-macker, and kepping open Shope: *idem*.<sup>7</sup>

20 John Parcker, for ye seame.

Allso, Nathaniel Wyld, for keeping opon shope, on<sup>5</sup> month last past, and fallowing ye Traid of an Vpholster[er], *contra* Statutum.<sup>8</sup>

All so, Mary Keeling, for falowing ye Traid of a Grocer and Mercer, and kepping open shope for [on<sup>5</sup> month] last past, *contra*  
25 Statutum,<sup>6</sup> not being Aprentice.

All so, Mary Hart, for Falowing ye Traid of a Liningdreaper, and kepping open shope for on<sup>5</sup> month last past: *idem*.<sup>7</sup> *contra* Statutum;<sup>6</sup> not being Aprentice.

All so, Chamberlain Gebson, for falowing ye Traid of a sord<sup>8</sup>  
30 cutler, for on<sup>9</sup> month last past: *idem*:<sup>10</sup> not being Aprentice.

<sup>1</sup> Translation: From the Eastern side of the town of Nottingham aforesaid.

<sup>2</sup> for,] 'of,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> 'quick,' live.

<sup>4</sup> Translation: From the Eastern side of the town aforesaid.

<sup>5</sup> on = one.

<sup>6</sup> Translation: against [the Statute].

<sup>7</sup> Translation: the same.

<sup>8</sup> sord = sword.

<sup>9</sup> on = one.

<sup>10</sup> Translation: the same.

All so, wee present *John* Hart, *John* Welch, *Thomas* Hunt, [and] *John* Hunt, for a Neance<sup>1</sup> and ste[nch] in Candell-macking.

All so, *John* Baradell, for kepping a Greyhound, not being quallified according to ye *Statute*.

All so, wee present *William* Drewrey, *Senior*, for a Neance<sup>1</sup> [of] 5  
ye streete, with wood, Cartes and Wagons, etc. *Ib.*, ro. 11.

1686, Monday, October 11.

*Jurata Constabulariorum.*<sup>2</sup>

We Present Widdow Peach for anoying the King's highway, without side ye Chapell Bar, in Not cleering the issue from her malt-house. 10

We Present *Jonathan* Simpson for anoying ye street with his Muck.

We Present Widdow Linley, at ye bar, for Brewing without License for 1 Month last past.

We Present *William* Champion for brewing without license : *idem*.<sup>3</sup>

We Present *Paule* Sandsbe for brewing without Licence : *idem*.<sup>3</sup> 15

We Present *Anne* Stanfeild for Throwing of Muck into the King's highwaye, next her<sup>4</sup> dore.

We Present *Henry* Archer for forestalling the Markett by buying and Selling of butter and cheese, and for a Higler, not haueing Lycence. *Ib.*, ro. 20. 20

1686, Monday, October 11.

*Ex Occidentali parte villae Nottinghamiae praedictae.*<sup>5</sup>

*Imprimis*, Wee Present *Edward* Browne, Butcher, for selling unwholesome meat.

*Item*, *Gilbert* Hutchinson, Butcher, for the like.

*Item*, *Lawrance* Gunthorpe, Butcher, for the like. 25

*Item*, *Thomas* Cow, Butcher, for the like.

*Item*, *William* Verden, Butcher, for the like.

*Item*, *John* Hutchenson, *Senior*, Butcher, for the like.

*Item*, *Joseph* Cooper, Butcher, for the like.

*Item*, *Roger* Radford, Butcher, for the like. 30

*Item*, *George* Linney, Maulster, for forestalling the Market on Saturday last, in Buying of Barley : 2 Cart-loads.

<sup>1</sup> a Neance = annoyance.

<sup>2</sup> Translation : Constables' Jury.

<sup>3</sup> Translation : the same.

<sup>4</sup> her,] 'their,' MS. 'Their' may refer to husband and wife.

<sup>5</sup> Translation : From the Western side of the town of Nottingham aforesaid.

*Item*, Richard Sewell, Butcher, for a Common Higler, not haueing Lycence.

*Item*, William Newcombe, Labourer, for the like.

*Item*, John Dunn, Labourer, for the like.

5 *Item*, Joseph Daft, Barber, for keep[ing] a Dogg to Destroy Noblemen and Gentlemen's Game, not being quallified. *Ib.*, ro. 23.

CXLIH.—*Minutes of the Common Council*

1686, Tuesday, November 2.

*The heire of Serjeant Williamott.*—Ordered, that what arreares shall be found due to Master Serjeant Williamott, late Recorder of this Corporacion, for ye yearly Sallarye due to him for his Recorder-  
10 ship, shall be paid by the Chamberlaines in some convenient time after the inspection of such arreares. 3454, fo. 8.

1686, Thursday, November 14.

*Alderman Hall.*—It is this day ordered that Master Alderman [Christopher] Hall shall haue 100 li. paid him by this Corporacion, for his extraordinary care and pains for the space of 3 years or upwards,  
15 in soliciting ye greate affairs of this Corporacion, and also his trouble about ye New Charter.<sup>1</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 9.

CXLIV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1687, Monday, April 11.

*Jurata Constabulariorum.*<sup>2</sup>

We Present Thomas Ashmore, liueing in the Shoomakers' Booths, for selling ale without A License for 1 Month last past.

20 We Present Peter Baume, liueing one the Backside, for the same.

We Present Sarah Vornam, liueing one the Longe Rowe, for the same.

We Present John Ward, Liueing at the bridge end, for the same.

We Present Richard Wire, liueing on the Backside, for the same.

25 We Present William Greene, Liueing under Dorathy Hall, for the same.

We Present William Barratt, liueing at the Leene side, for the same.

<sup>1</sup> On the 15th April, 1687, the 'Castle and Feathers' on Long Row, formerly occupied by John Toplady, was leased to Alderman Hall for thirty-one years.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: Constables' Jury.

We Present John Newcome for selling fish without License.

We Present John Palmore for the same, liueing in Stoney Street.

We Present Nathaniell Chameberlin for the same, liueing in Castlegate.

We Present Thomas Nix for the same.

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We Present John Woollmore for the same.

These 5<sup>1</sup> for higglers, Not haueing a license.

We Present James Beardsley, liueing on the Backside, for selling ale without a license.

We Present George Walker for the same.

10

We Present *Master* Baudes for suffering his man to sweep dirt into the chanell.

We Present *Master* Hanes for Making a muckhill In Chandler's Lane.<sup>2</sup>

90a, ro. 33.

CXLV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1687, April 14.

<i>Master Alderman Petty</i> for a muck Hill at ye Broad	li.	s.	d.	15
Bridg . . . . .	00	01	00	
<i>Master Hardmeat</i> for a muck hill at Hye Cross . . . . .	00	01	00	
<i>Master Henrie Twentyman</i> for ye like . . . . .	00	01	00	
<i>Henrie Twelves</i> for ye like . . . . .	00	01	00	
<i>Peeter Tompson</i> for not opening his Hedge in ye				20
Middleton walk . . . . .	00	00	06	

1687, April 18.

*William Peck, de Carlton*, for an Enchrochment in

*Saint Marie's gate* . . . . . 00 01 00

*Master Thomas Smith*, dyer, for an Enchrochment in

Hungate . . . . . 00 01 00 25

*Master Alderman Petty*, for Plaster at his dore . . . . . 00 00 06

*Master John Neuill*, for Lead at his dore . . . . . 00 01 00

*Master Alderman Hall*, for wood at Chapell Barr . . . . . 00 00 06

*Master Alderman Petty*, for a muck hill on ye outside

Chapell Bar. . . . . 00 01 00 30

*Master Alderman Hall*, for a Muck hill at his Milne . . . . . 00 01 00

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, from Newcome to Woolmore inclusive.

<sup>2</sup> The roll, the whole of which is here printed, is signed by 'Thomas Wright,' 'Joshua Phipps,' and 'Matthew Hancock.'

Master Henrie Twentyman, for not scouring his ditch	li.	s.	d.
at Panier Close . . . . .	00	01	00
John Tomlin, for Enchroching on ye Hye way at Broad			
lain end . . . . .	00	00	06
5 William Lockay, Junior, for a Grindlestone and trough			
in Shoomaker boothes . . . . .	00	00	06

## Requests.

That ye Chamberlains may scoure the common Show,<sup>1</sup> that comes out of the Narrow Marsh, by the Leen bridge.

10 That ye Common Issew out of Hyfeild Garden, down by the Milne, [may be scoured].

That the Causey way downe to ye Broad bridge, by the Frier Close, may be mended. 2793.

CXLVI.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1687, Thursday, November 17.

*Master Wilson.*—Whereas the Contribucion hath some tyme  
15 since (of 15 li. *per Annum*) formerly [been] paid to *Master Wilson*,  
Minister of *Saint Peter's*, It is this day Ordered that the Summe of  
15 li., as aforesaid, shall be paid quarterly to ye said *Master Wilson*,  
the 1st payment to begin a[t] Xmas next. 3455, fo. 17.

1687, Friday, December 2.

It is this day ordered that the Quarteridg which is due to *Master*  
20 [*Jeremiah*] *Cudworth* shall be paid by the Schoole wardens, at Christ-  
mas day next, to the said *Master Jeremy Cudworth*. Be it remem-  
bered that this present day, the abovesaid *Master Jeremiah Cudworth*  
came personally into this house, and voluntarily requested to resign  
vp his place of Head-Schoolmaster of the Free-schoole of this town,  
25 in regard he had happened vpon another preferment, which request  
was readily granted by this house, and ordered, that for the singular  
prudent and faithfull Management of his said office for divers yeares  
last past, whereby ye said school hath very much flourished, that  
their gratefull acknowledgments of his meritts may be recorded in  
30 the leiger-book, to remain to posteritye. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

*Master Knight, Schoole-Master.*—Whereas *Master Cudworth*,  
formerly Schoolemaster for this Corporacion, came into this house,

<sup>1</sup> Show = Issue, sewer.

and voluntarily surrendered his place of Schoole-Master, being preferred to a considerable hireing, in a full house, Master Knight was unanimously chosen in his place of head Schoolemaster aforesaid.

*Ib.*, fo. 18.

CXLVII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1687-8, January 16.

*Jurata Constabulariorum.*<sup>1</sup>

5

We Present John Raynor and Joseph Smith for suffering A Muckhill to lye against theire street Doore, being in Kuckstooleroe.

We Present Madam Raynor for anoyeing The Towne's hall, by suffering ashes to be Layed against it.

We Present William Webster for takeing in an Inmate.

10

We Present Joseph Stirland for suffering Claye and Meaner<sup>2</sup> to lye in ye Street against his Doore.

We Present Widdow Greaves, Liueing in Bridlesmith gate, sweepeing her Muck into ye Chanell.

90a, ro. 21.

CXLVIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1687-8, Wednesday, January 18.

*The vnder-School-Master.*—Ordered, that the summe of Six pounds 15 *per Annum* be added to the Salary of the vnder-Schoolmaster, it being thought formerly too small for his Maintenance. 3455, fo. 21.

1687-8, Tuesday, January 24.

Whereas by order of the King's Councill, dated the 13th day of January, the late Major and two of the Aldermen, one of the Sheriffes, and one of the Chamberlyns, with eight of the upper councill and 20 three of the under Councill of this said Towne, were displaced from theire seuerall offices and places, And whereas likewise having received the King's mandate, dated the Fourteenth day of January, directed to the Aldermen and Councill of this Towne, commanding them to elect the persons hereafter named, viz. John Sherwin, Major, 25 George Langford, Alderman, Thomas Smith, Alderman, Joseph Boot, Sheriffe, John Hydes, Coroner, T[homas] Cooke, Chamberlyn, Robert Marshall, Richard Knight, Thomas Collins, John Nevill, William Burrowes, Joseph James, Thomas Poole, Upper Councill-men, William

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: Constables' Jury.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, manure.

Cockle, Caleb Wilkinson, *William Orme*, *Commen* Councill-men, The Aldermen and Councill aforesaid have unanimously elected and chosen John Sherwyn, Major, and the aforesaid Aldermen, Coroner, Chamber[l]in, Sheriffe, head Councillors and under Councillors, and  
 5 [they] have severally taken theire respective Oathes of theire Offices, and have done all things according to the purport and intent of the aforementioned mandate. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

CXLIX.—*Order of Privy Council for displacing Members of the Nottingham Corporation.*

1687-8, February 10.

At the Court at Whitehall the 10th of February, 1687.

By the King's most Excellent Majesty, and ye Lords of his  
 10 Majestie's most Honorable Privy Councill.

Whereas by the Charter lately granted to the Towne of Nottingham, a Power is reserved to his Majesty, by his Order in Councill, to remove from their Employments any officers in the said Towne, His Majesty in Councill is pleased to Order, And it is hereby  
 15 Ordered, That Jervis Wilde, William Toplady, William Petty, Robert Wortley, Aldermen; Richard Wright, Sherif; *William Onion*, Coroner; Robert Allicock, Chamberlain; John Shipman, Jacob Villiers, Francis Sully, William Jackson, Hugh Walker, John Peake, of ye Councill of Eightene; Charles Chadwick, Towne Clerke;  
 20 Christopher Stocks, Robert Abbott, and William Johnson, of ye Councill of Six, Be and they are hereby removed and displaced from their aforesaid Offices and Places in ye said Towne of Nottingham.

John Nicholas. 4692 b.

CL.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1687-8, Tuesday, February 21.

Whereas by order of the King's Councill dated the tenth day of  
 25 this February, Gervas Wyld, *William Toplady*, *William Petty* [and] Robert Wortley were displaced from being Aldermen, Richard Wright from being Sheriff, Robert Allicocke from being Chamberlyn, Master [William] Unwin from being Coroner, John Shipman, Jacob Villiers, *William Jackson*, Hugh Walker, John Peake [and] Francis  
 30 Sulley from being upper-councill men, *Christopher* Stockes, Robert Abbott [and] *William Johnson* from being *commen*-councill men;

And whereas likewise having received the King's mandate, dated the Eleventh day of February, directed to the Major, Aldermen and Corporation of this towne, commanding them to elect Alderman John Hawkins, Alderman Charles Harvey, Alderman Joseph Turpin, Alderman John Huthwaite, Sheriff, John Revill, Coroner, Samuel 5 Watkinson, Chamberlyn, Benjamin Holmes, Gentleman, Abraham Metcalf, gentleman, John Crisp, gentleman, John Borrodale, gentleman, John Welch, gentleman, [and] Samuel Smith, gentleman, Council of 18, William Banes, gentleman, Master William Belfin [and] John France, gentleman, council of Six ; And accordingly [they] were then 10 vnanimously elected and admitted by the Major, Aldermen and Councill, Chamberlaines and Sheriffes, and have severally taken their respective oaths of their offices, and have done all things according to the purport and intent of the aforementioned Mandate. 3455, fo. 26.

1687-8, Monday, February 27.

Whereas an Address to his Majestie was read in this house, and 15 being put to ye voate whether it should be presented, it was voated<sup>1</sup> by ye Majority<sup>2</sup> yat it should be presented, and it was likewise unanimously agreed by this house yat Master Alderman Harvey should humbly present the aforesaid Adresse to his Majestie, being a very fitt gentleman to present ye same ; it is also hereby ordered 20 yat he shall haue his charges borne, with many thanks from this house for his trouble and paines therein. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

CLI.—*Order of Privy Council for displacing Members of the Nottingham Corporation.*

1687-8, March 4.

At the Court at Whitehall the 4th of March, 1687.

Present : The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by the Charter granted to the Town of Nottingham, A 25 power is reserved to his Majesty, by his Order in Council, to remove from their Employments any Officers in the said Town, His Majesty in Council is pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered that William Union, William Woollas, John Huthwait, of the Council of Eighteen, and Charles Chadwick, Town Steward and one of the said 30

<sup>1</sup> 'Yt' is here inserted unnecessarily in MS.

<sup>2</sup> There were 21 'yeas' against 6 'noes'

that the Address 'should have the Common Seal fixed to it, and be presented to His Majesty.'

Councill of Eighteen, be and they are hereby removed and displaced from their aforesaid Offices in the said Town of Nottingham.

Phil.: Musgrave. 4692 b.

CLII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1687-8, Thursday, March 8.

Whereas by Order of the King's Councill dated the Fourth day  
5 [of] March, William Vnion, William Woollas [and] John Huthwaite,  
of the Councill of Eighteen, and Charles Chadwick, Town Steward,  
and one of the said Councill of Eighteen, were displaced from their  
severall offices and places ; And whereas likewise having received the  
King's mandate, bearing date the Fifth day of March, directed to  
10 the Major, Aldermen and Corporacion of this Towne of Nottingham,  
commanding them to elect and admitt Joseph Boote, William Moore,  
Samuel Roades and Roger Hawkesly to be of the said Councill of  
Eighteen in their room ; And likewise commanding them to elect and  
Admitt Thomas Collins to be one of the Aldermen of the said  
15 Towne in the place of Thomas Trigg, who hath refused to be sworne  
into that office ; And accordingly they were then vnanimously elected  
and Admitted by the Major, Aldermen, Councill, Chamberlins and  
sheriffs, And have severally taken their respective Oaths of their  
offices, And have done all things acording to the purport and intent  
20 of the aforemencioned mandate. *Ib.*, fo. 32.

1687-8, Thursday, March 22.

It was Ordered, by the unanimous consent of this house, that the  
Major and Aldermen, Master Nevell, Master Knight, Master Crisp  
[and] Master Medcalfe,<sup>1</sup> or any foure of them, might from tyme to  
tyme inspect and take account of all evidences and writings relateing  
25 to this Corporacion, to find out the true State of things, and give  
account of yem to this house ; and yat any of the rest of the Councill  
might have liberty to inspect into the aforesaid writeings, evidences,  
and Accounts relateing to ye Corporacion aforesaid. *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1688, Thursday, April 12.

It was this day Ordered by this house that sixty pounds *per Annum*  
30 shall be paid by ye hands of the Chamberlins ; 20 li. to Doctor Crow-  
burrow, 20 li. to Master Wilson, and 20 li. to Master Symson, Parsons  
or Viccars of the 3 seuerall Parishes in Nottingham, and the first pay-  
ment to commence att Midsummer next, the aforesaid 20 li. a peice

<sup>1</sup> Elsewhere, 'Metcalf.'

to be paid quarterly to ye said seuerall Ministers; and this order to continue till a further order be made to disanull it. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

CLIII.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1688, April 26.

*Jurata Constabulariorum.*<sup>1</sup>

We Present Master John Parnell, Steward to the Lady Perpoint, for Causeing severall Cart-loads of Muck to be layed in Barker gate, 5 being a Neusance.

We Present Stephen Towell for A common disturber of his Maiestie's peace.

We Present the wife of William Hudson for A Common scould.

We Present Mary Clarke for a common scould. 10

We Present John Raynor and Joseph Smith for Teemeing theire house of office muck into A Muckhill in the open Street, as a great Neusance.

We Present Mary, the wife of Roger Ryley, frameworke knitter, for A common scould. 15

We Present the wife of William Feilds for A<sup>2</sup> Common Drunkord and A Disturber of his Maiestie's peace. 90, ro. 24.

1688, April 26.

*Ex occidentali parte.*<sup>3</sup>

April 21st, 1688: Edward Brown, Butcher, for exposinge to Sale unwholesome Swine's flesh. 20

Nathaniel Wilde for useing the Trade of an Upholster, and exposeing his Wares publickly upon his Staul, and keeping open Shopp, not being a freeman of the Corporacion of Nottingham. *Ib.*, ro. 25.

CLIV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1688, Friday, May 18.

Whereas a *Quo Warranto*<sup>4</sup> was this day read to us, directed to ye Sheriffes of this Towne against the Charter, returnable ye 21st of 25 May, and beareing *Teste*<sup>5</sup> the second of this Instant May, therefore it is Ordered by the unanimous consent of this house that the Towne-Seale shall be affixed to ye Warrant and Instrument, now also read,

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: Constables' Jury.

<sup>2</sup> The MS. repeats 'A.'

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: From the western side.

<sup>4</sup> The writ *quo warranto* was to take away the charter granted by Charles II.

<sup>5</sup> *Teste*=Witness: the leading word of the clause containing the date.

yat impowers one *Master John Cooke, Gentleman*, one of the Clerkes of the Crowne-office, to appeare for this Corporacion in King's bench, as our lawfull Attorney, to ye Informacion aforesaid, in the nature of a *Quo Warranto*. It is also further Ordered, that the  
 5 charge relateing to ye *Quo Warranto*, and likewise the Charge of renewing the charter, shall be paid by the Chamberlins, and plased to ye Account of this Corporacion. 3455, fo. 59.

1688, May 21.

Whereas that *Scutt*<sup>1</sup> on the South side of the house on the Trent bridge, is thought to Long, as appeares to this house, to be  
 10 very prejudiciall to the Channell and the house aforesaid, and alsoe to the banks on the other side of the Trent, It is therefore this day ordered, at the request of *Master Ward*, that the said *Master Ward* shall take vpp soe much of the said *Scutt* as he shall think convenient; And if it shall happen that the same be prejudiciall by the  
 15 opinion of this house, then the said *Master Ward* doth oblige himselfe to sett downe soe much as he shall take vpp, in as good order as it was before he took it vpp. And vpon the taking vp of the aforesaid *Scutt*, the said *Master Ward* shall give notice to *Master Cooke* and *Master Joseph Sylls* to view and Mesure the same, who are appointed  
 20 by this house to view the same. *Ib.*, fo. 60.

1688, Monday, May 21.

Whereas the Charter is now vpon renewing, it is hereby ordered and vnanimously agreed vpon by this house, that the things hereafter mencioned shalbe desired to be put in and left out in the said Charter, as is herein hereafter expressed :

25 That [in] Eleccion of all Officers, the Major shall only have his voice as Burgesse, vnles there be equality of voats, and then in such case, the Major shall have his casting voate.

2. That that Paragrafe in the Charter, whereby the Major cannot enter vpon his Office after one yeare of his Eleccion, may be mended.

30 3. That two of the eldest Aldermen may be of the Quorum with the Major.

4thly. That the faire<sup>2</sup> of the Twenty-third of Aprill and the faire on the first of November, being prejudiciall, may be left out, and our old Faire on *Saint Matthias* day be restored, and that on *Saint*

35 *Matthew's* day shalbe continued.

*Ib.*, fo. 61.

<sup>1</sup> 'Scutt,' embankment.

<sup>2</sup> fair,] 'fairs,' MS.

1688, Thursday, June 28.

It is this [day] ordered by the Major, Aldermen and Counsell that they, or the Major part of them, shall have power to admitt any person a Burgess of this Corporacion that hath served a Lawfull Apprentishipp in the same to a Burgesse thereof, or to any that hath the Right of a Burgesse in him, regard being had that he be inabled according to the Statute provided for Apprentices in the Fifth yeare of Queen Elizabeth. And none to be sworne but in open Court.

*Ib.*, fo. 69.

1688, Thursday, July 12.

It is this day Ordred, by ye unanimous Consent of this house, that noe publike Feasts shall be hereafter kept by ye Major as formerly, by reason of the great debts which ye Town is in at present.

It is this day Ordred, that Whereas the late Corporacion did allow the Major 80 li. *per Annum* for defraying the publike charges and Feasts during his Majoralty:<sup>1</sup> It is therefore Ordred, that Whereas the publike Feasts by Order aforesaid are<sup>2</sup> taken away, that ye Major hereafter shall haue onely 20 li. *per Annum*, payable quarterly, for maintaining his Serjeants, and defraying his year's charges; this abatement aforesaid is in order yat this Corporacion may, as soone as possibly may [be], gett out of their great debts which they are at present engaged in; the twenty pounds aforesaid allowed to ye Major for his Charges shall commence from Midsummer last.<sup>3</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 71.

CLV.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1688, July 13.

*Ex orientali parte.*<sup>4</sup>

*Imprimis*, Wee present Richard Warriner for puttinge Seauen horses or mares vpon the common meddows, not beinge a burgesse.

*Item*, Wee present John Bell for puttinge one horse or mare vpon the common meddows, not beinge a burgesse.

90, ro. 26.

<sup>1</sup> Majoralty,] 'Majorlty,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> are,] 'is,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> The Mayor agreed to take after the rate of £80 *per annum* from April 23 to

June 24, 1688, and afterwards at the rate of £20 *per annum*.

<sup>4</sup> *Translation*: From the eastern side.

1688, July 13.

[*Per*] *Constabularios*.<sup>1</sup>

We Present Robert Harrison, Liueing in Bridlesmith Gate, for A Nucense made against his house.

We Present Richard Merrin, whitesmith, for Refuseing to paye to 5 ye Constable, upon demaund, his due to ye highwayes. *Ib.*, ro. 29.

*Ex Occidentali parte*.<sup>2</sup>

Wee present William Neucombe and his Wife for Regretting<sup>3</sup> the Markett, in Buying Butter and Cheese in the Morning, and sell- ing the same againe in the afternoone the same day. *Ib.*, ro. 35.

CLVI.—*Minute of the Common Council.*

1688, Friday, August 24.

10 Whereas the Right Noble, his grace the Duke of Newcastle, has given a Buck to this Corporacion, and the right Honorable, the Earle of Devonshire, has given a Brace, And whereas there was formerly<sup>4</sup> an order made by this house that there should be noe publike Feasts made at the charge of the Corporacion, Yet having received 15 this favour from the said persons of quality, It is this day ordered, that what shalbe expended in makeing a Feast with the said venison shalbe paid by the Chamberlins for the vse of the Corporacion, to be allowed them in their Accounts. 3455, fo. 79.

CLVII.—*Extracts from Correspondence between George Langford, Mayor, and Mr. Tomlinson, Corporation Solicitor, as to New Charter*.<sup>5</sup>

1688, August and September.

Nottingham, August ye 25th, /88.

20 Sir,

I receiued yours of ye 23 Instant, vpon which I immediately went to our good freind, whoe aduiseth that itt is not safe for vs to take a new Charter before Judgment be legally entered against the Last, and therefore desiringe to Stay in towne att present, and when

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: From the Western side.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, forestalling.

<sup>4</sup> formerly,] 'formerly,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> Only a portion of this correspondence is here printed; an indorsement states the letters to have been 'bought at the late Mr. Langford Neville's sale, 1813, by John Rainbow, Town Cryer.'

you finde that ye Judgment is Soe entered, to take a Charter for vs, bearinge Date within as few dayes as shall bee thought fitt with those you are Consearned with, Still, consideringe that the nearer itt comes to the time of ye Judgment, the Safer itt will bee for vs, Least any actions should be Doone in ye meanetime betwixt ye 5 Judgment and ye Charter, but, as yett wee stand Informed, wee Doubt wheather itt bee not best for vs to Lett itt alone till the first day of the next Michelmas Tearme, because wee doe not yett vnderstand wheather or noe the Judgment was entered in ye master of the office his Booke Last Tearme, but must leaue you to aduice vpon 10 that poynt, when you see wheather itt was soe entered, and wheather itt bee safe for vs or noe, if itt bee nott soe entered, which wee are aduised itt will not be ; and therefore, I pray, send vs word what the Result of the Councell's opinion is in this case ; all the precedent lines are his owne words, therefore esteeme of them, and vse them, to 15 the best aduantage ; consider them well ; wee would haue you gett a very Learned and honest Councell to aduise with. Wish hime Secresie, and giue hime what money you thinke fitt ; a ginney att least, or two if you see cause ; wee Leaue itt to you, the case is intricate and materiall, and must not bee Slightly Doone ; wee haue 20 Confidence in you that you will act cautiously and faithfully ; hee saith you may tell them that you are Consearned with that you are ordered by those that Imployes you for their Sollicitor, to Stay in Towne att present, to See after ye Judgment as aboue said ; I haue Something more to write, but will send itt by another hand. I pray 25 mind our warrant of Attorney. This is all att present ; the post Stayes. I rest                      Your Affectionate freind and Seruant,

Geo. Langford, Major.

But Least this Letter, goeing by ye post, should miscarry, I Transcribed itt, and Sent itt by Master Hawkins' Coach ye Tuesday 30 followinge, beinge ye 28 day, and meetinge with our good freind the day before, hee aduised me to write as followeth ; Shewing him then *your* Letter which was Sent, 'Brother Haruey,' Dated ye 25 of August, from London, from ye same hand, I asked him what he would further aduise ; hee said hee had further Considered of one 35 thinge since I spoke with hime on Saturday Last, which was this, viz.: that if Judgment was entered, as the last Tearme and ye charter bear Date a day or two after, that all the time that wee haue

acted Since not haueinge taken ye Oathes of our offices, wee shall  
 bee lyable to punishment for [it], (hee doth not meane ye Test, that  
 ye Kinge hath Dispensed with), and if the Judgment should bee then  
 entered, and the Charter not Dated till now, wee should bee Lyable  
 5 to punishment for actinge betwixt ye Judgment and Charter ; but of  
 the two, ye Last is ye worse ; hee saith that his opinion is, that itt is  
 our safe-est and best course, to gett ye Charter Ingrossed, and the  
 first Day of the next Tearme to haue Judgment passed, and ye Day  
 followinge to haue the Charter Dated, and with all conuenient Speede  
 10 sent Downe, but hee would haue the Councell's opinion in itt, and  
 aduiseth itt may be sent Downe to vs, before any thinge more bee  
 done. I wished hime to name Some Councell wee might depend on ;  
 hee said *Master Pollexfine* was a very worthy man, and none before<sup>1</sup>  
 hime ; Soe was *Master Sergeant Manard*, and *Sir George Treaby*, but  
 15 soe far as I could Guesse, hee fancied most *Pollexfine*. Some of  
 these, I pray, aduise with fully, what to doe ; itt's a weighty matter,  
 and requires Serieuse and good aduice : the Lord Direct vs. This  
 Day came hither your freinds *Master Bowyer* and his companion ;  
 they Dined with mee, and I hope wee are well pleased one with  
 20 another, but Kept all private, to preuent Jelosies and mischievous  
 Reports that might Arise. Wee haue good incouragement that wee  
 shall carry itt, for ye members wee Picked vpon ; wee are very glad  
 you have the Parchment in your keepinge : See it's Safe. This is a  
 Longe Letter, but itt's worth all ye paines. Your wife was att my  
 25 house this night. She and all are well. I haue noe more att present,  
 but that [I] am                      Your Obliged freind and Seruant,

Geo. Langford, Major.

*Nottingham, August ye 27th, /88.*<sup>2</sup>

The things that are desired to bee altered :

30 1. That in all elections of Major and other Officers of ye Cor-  
 poration, ye Major may not have a negative vote upon ye whole  
 bodye, but ye Greater number of votes to make ye election, altho'  
 ye Major dessent, and if ye electors bee equally divided, that side to  
 prevail which ye Major for ye time being shall vote for.

35 2. The Major and Aldermen are Justices of Peace, the major  
 only is of ye Quorum ; so yat, in case of sicknesse or absence of ye

<sup>1</sup> before = above.

<sup>2</sup> On the margin of the MS. is written :

'A Coppie of ye Letter sent to Mr.  
 Tomlinson.'

Major, ye Sessions of Peace cannot be held. 'Tis desired that ye Duke of Newcastle, Recorder, and ye Recorder for ye time being may bee made Justice of Peace, and that hee, and ye eldest Alderman, may bee of ye Quorum, as well as ye Major.

3. The elections of Major, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Coroners, and 5 other officers of ye Corporation are made by ye Major, Aldermen, Council, and Burgesses who have born ye office of Sheriffs or Chamberlains, and those that have been Sheriffs or Chamberlains doe claim ye libertye of voting in these elections, though they are displaced from ye Corporation, who, being many in number, will 10 carry all elections of Officers at their will.

'Tis therefore prayed that none but ye Major, Aldermen, and Council may Vote in ye *said* Elections, and yat ye Council of Six may bee increased to a greater number, to bee chosen out of ye Chamberlains and Sheriffs, and to bee called ye<sup>1</sup> Council of 15 ye *said* Town.

4. The mistake in ye late Charter concerning ye electing ye Major to bee Rectified.

5. The two fairs granted by ye late Charter to bee left out, and ye old fairs to bee restored. 20

6. To leave out ye clauses concerning ye takeing ye Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacye and Tests, and the King's approveing ye Recorder and Town Clerke.

The reason why I intend to increase ye number of the Council of Six, is to let in Such of ye Burgesses as have been Sheriffs and 25 Chamberlains, and are deserving persons, to a Share in ye Government, ye better to exclude ye others. 4752.  
Good Master Major,

I gave you ye trouble of a letter about ten days since, to enquire of your new Charter, and what was done in it. Since then, viz<sup>t</sup>, this 30 morning, I received ye Inclosed from Master Harcourt, a Clerke in ye Crown Office, who is imployed for ye King in ye *Quo Warranto* against you. Vpon perusal, you will Vnderstand ye contentes; but ye meaning of it I doe not well apprehend, for as to any Surrender of your Charter, there was noe talke of it that I know of, nor can 35 there bee any Legal surrender made by ye present members; but I suppose hee means by surrender, letting ye King take Judgment

<sup>1</sup> Blank in MS.

upon ye *Quo Warranto*; as to that, ye warrant you sent to Master Cooke to appear to ye *Quo Warranto*, I did not deliver untill I could see ye New Charter in forwardnesse, and yat such a Charter would bee granted you as you might honestly accept of; and, therefore, untill  
 5 that were settled, I left ye warrant with Master Marner, to bee kept vntill further order from you. If all things be settled according to your minds, you may order ye Delivery of it to Master Cooke as soon as you pleas, if called for; or else, lett ye Sheriffs return ye Summons they made to the Corporation; you see ye Inclosed calls  
 10 for Speed. Pray give my service to Master Harvye and ye Rest of ye Aldermen.

Sir, I am,

Your and their most Humble Servant,

Nathn. Wrighte.<sup>1</sup>

Leicester, Sept. ye 13th, 1688.

4759.

CLVIII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1688.

15	February 23 and 24th, /87. <sup>2</sup>	In Gifts and expenses,	li.	s.	d.
		when the Major and Aldermen went to visit the Duke of Newcastle, besides Coach hire . . .	05	00	09
		<i>Paid</i> Master Lambert and Master Atkinson for their Charge to ye Duke, by ye Major's order . . .	00	12	04
20					1659, fo. 1.
	Aprill 18.	<i>Paid</i> John Cooke for setting vpp a Row of Pales at Maylin Hill, going downe to the Marsh . . .	00	00	03
					<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 7.
	Aprill 30.	<i>Paid</i> the Overseers of Saint Marie's, Saint Peter's, and Saint Nicholas, of Lamley Rents, eache their share, according to custome . . .	14	00	00
25					<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 8.
	May 5th.	<i>Paid</i> Master Rawson for ringing by the Mayor's order at the Eleccion of ye Major . . .	00	06	00
30	May 9.	<i>Paid</i> Master Borradell, Master James, and Master Cooke's horses, and ye charge goeing to Lamley . . . . .	00	06	00
					<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 9.

<sup>1</sup> The letter is indorsed: 'For the Esquire, Major of Nottingham, at his Right Worshipfull George Langford, house In Nottingham.' 4759.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.*, 1687-8.

- July 2. Paid *Mistr's* Jackson for 2 load of Wood from li. s. d.  
the Coppes, and for a Load of Wood from an  
house in Beller gate, and a Load of Brick; the  
Wood was laid in Broad Marsh, and ye brick to  
the Top of the Long Row . . . . . 00 06 08 5
- July 7. Paid James Beardsley, and his man Glasenby,  
for 6 days' worke done this weeke at repairing  
the Cawsey at<sup>1</sup> the Cawsey Poole, and the  
Cawsey betwixt Snenton Smithy and the Brick  
Kill,<sup>2</sup> and for one man to help them one day . 00 13 00 10
- July 7. Paid Thomas Elliott for 600 of brick, and for  
the pinfold and Ludlam's house, and 600  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  
Tiles for the repaires of Ludlam's house, and  
the beadhouses against Master Sanderson's, in  
Pilcher gate . . . . . 00 18 06 15  
*Ib.*, fo. 16.
- July 25. Paid for a Dinner and Ale of Thomas  
Burton, Samuell Webster, and John Hand at the  
receit of one halfe yeare's Rent of Mansell Park,  
being 24 li. due at Lady Day last past, and for  
horshire to Derby, to meet them there, by  
appointment of Master Major . . . . . 00 06 06 20
- Paid for a Man and horse going over to give them legal  
notice a monthe before . . . . . 00 03 10  
*Ib.*, fo. 18. 25
- Aug. 18. Paid Master Derry for Chimney money, due  
Lady Day last past, for the Hall Chimney and  
the office Chamber Chimney . . . . . 00 02 00
- Aug. 21. Paid Master Isaac Barker 1 halfe yeare's  
Rent due to his Grace, the Duke of Newcastle,  
for the highway to the Castle Leen, due at Lady  
Day last past . . . . . 00 05 00 30  
*Ib.*, fo. 21.
- Sept. 3. Paid to Master Gregory Melton, 2 Bills, by the  
Major's order, for horses and other Charges for  
the soldiers to Loughborow . . . . . 02 04 00 35  
*Ib.*, fo. 22.

<sup>1</sup> 'at' repeated, MS.<sup>2</sup> Kill = Kiln.

	July 20.	<i>Paid</i> Master Johnson's Bill, by the Major's order, for Ale, beer, and other conveniences, at a feast, at his house, of the Bucks that came from the Earle of Devonshire . . . . .	li.	s.	d.
			09	05	0j
5	<i>Paid</i>	John Newcomb for seafish at that time . . . . .	00	02	06
	<i>Paid</i>	Cooke Brammar's Bill for what he laid out at that time . . . . .	00	15	03
	For wine and Meat bought by Master Cooke and paid by the Major's order . . . . .		04	15	09
10			<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 23.		
	Sept. 20.	<i>Paid</i> to Joseph Worsopp, A Bill for Carrage of wine to Wollerton, to Sir Francis Willoughby's, for the vse of the late Corporacion . . . . .	00	02	00
15	22.	<i>Paid</i> for Lime and Brick, and Workemanshipp, for mending the Goal Harth and Chimney . . . . .	00	03	00
	27.	<i>Paid</i> Daniel Sarson for dressing the Stares vp to Saint Marie's Church, for one whole yeare . . . . .	00	03	00
			<i>Ib.</i> , fo. 24.		

CLIX.—*Presentment at the Sessions.*

1688, October 2.

*Villa Nottinghamiae, Scilicet.*<sup>1</sup>—The Informacion of Frances Wright, Wife of John Wright, of Nottingham, taken vpon Oath the ijd Day of October, 1688, before John Hawkins, Alderman, and one of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace of this Towne.

This Informant saith, That she did Wash a Coate of George Turpin's, and hang it vpon a Hedge in the yard of John Huste, about a yeare since, and vpon search made for the said Coate, this Informant was told it was deliuered by Hannah Peck vnto Walter Spur, a Taylor, for to be made into some Garment for her vse, and haueing lately seene the said Coate, she saith that the same is the Coate of the aforesaid George Turpin's which she washed, and did hang vpon the Hedge, as is before mencioned. Frances Wright.

The Examinacion of Hannah Peck, taken the Day and yeare abouesaid.

This Examinant saith that the above-named Frances Wright did

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: Town of Nottingham, To wit.

bring the aforesaid Coate vnto her, and did sell it vnto this Examinant for foure shillings; and three shillings thereof she did then pay vnto the said Frances, vpon the Deliuey thereof; and that this Examinant taketh it to be about 9 or 10 Months since.<sup>1</sup>

Taken by me John Hawkins.

her  
Hannah x Peck.  
marke.

90 a, ro. 45.

CLX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1688, Thursday, October 4.

Whereas his Majestie was lately graciously pleased to grant a New Charter to this Corporacion, which came not to the hands of the 10 Major, Aldermen and Councell in ye said Charter named, till upon Michaelmas day last about noone; and the Major, Aldermen [and] Councell therein named, conceiving they had not then tyme sufficient to peruse and advise upon the said Charter, proceeded to an elleccion 15 in such manner as hath bin formerly used, which occationed some omicions and mistakes that day, whereof upon perusall of the said new Charter they were senceable; therefore, for rectifying of those omicions and mistakes, this day, in pursuance of the said Charter, and according to ye authority therein given, George Langford, Esquire, was sworne into ye office of Major of this Corporacion before Thomas 20 Smyth, John Hawkins, and John Hydes, Aldermen, in the said Charter commissioned to take ye Oath of the said George Langford. And the said Aldermen, and ye rest of the Councell then present, videlicet, Thomas Smyth, John Hawkins, John Hydes, Aldermen, John Nevell, John Barrodale, Richard Knight, Robert Marshall, 25 William Burrowes, Joseph James, Thomas Poole, Benjamin Holmes, Abraham Medcalfe, John Crisp, Joseph Boote, Samuell Roades, Joseph Sills, Caleb Wilkinson, William Orme, William Baynes [and] William Belfyn were all Sworne into their respective offices and places, the day and yeare above-written, before ye said Major, as 30 appointed by ye said Charter before recited.

And likewise, on the sixth day of this Instant October, the

<sup>1</sup> On the following day, 'Samuel Pecke,' described as a laborer, was bound over in £20 for her appearance, to answer to the charge of stealing the coat, at the

next Sessions, and George Turpin, described as an ironmonger, was bound over in £10 to prosecute. The result is unknown.

seuerall Persons hereunder mencioned were<sup>1</sup> seuerally sworne into theire respective<sup>2</sup> places and offices, *videlicet*, Charles Harvy and Joseph Turpin, Aldermen, and John Welshe; and Charles Bawdes likewise was sworne Towne Clerke on the eighth day of October following; and on the 12th day William Cockle and William Moore were<sup>3</sup> sworne on the 12th Instant, and likewise, on the sixth day aforesaid, John Huthwaite and Roger Hakesly<sup>4</sup> were<sup>3</sup> sworne into their offices.<sup>5</sup>

3456, fo. 5.

CLXI.—*Presentments at the Sessions.*

1688, October 5.

[*Per*] *Constabularios*.<sup>6</sup>

10 We Present John Caulton, brewar, for anoying Voate lane with a sinke.

We Present Godferey Cheatham, liueing in the Narrow Marsh, for refusing [to] pay to William Gamble, constable, both ye watch dues and the common worke Dues.

15 We present Thomas Dod, liueing in Saint Mary's Gate, for refusing to pay to John Moreley, constable, his watch dues and common worke dues.

We present Master William Pettey, Master William Drury, Master Thomas Smith, Diar, for leadeing and spreading Muck in the  
20 Meddows before Saint Luke's day.

We present Richard Wire for Neglecting to dress the street Goeing Downe from ye Hen Cross and ye chanell where ye Bakers stands.

91, ro. 1.

7[Wee present] Thomas Alvey for anoying ye Frier Lane with his  
25 mucke.

Mistris Sara Tabetts, for a heap of Ramell lying at ye shipe<sup>8</sup> pens.  
Henery Leper, for saling Alle without a Lisens.  
John Glasop, for taking in Inmetts.

<sup>1</sup> were,] 'was,' MS.<sup>2</sup> respective,] 'rsepective,' MS.<sup>3</sup> were,] 'was,' MS.<sup>4</sup> Elsewhere 'Hawkesley.'<sup>5</sup> Thomas Cooke and Samuel Watkinson, named Chamberlains in the same Charter, refused to act, and William Cockle and Caleb Wilkinson were sub-

sequently elected in their places. Others named in the Charter were not sworn, from absence.

<sup>6</sup> *Translation*: By the Constables.<sup>7</sup> These presentments, also by the Constables, are undated, but are, probably, of about the same date as the preceding.<sup>8</sup> 'shipe'=sheep.

Master William Johnson, for wood and Ramell Liing In Lister Gate, anoying ye street.

Briget Doon and Mary Winte[r], for scoulding one ye Lord's day.

Henery Archer, for anoying ye walle-yard, with his sinke, near Sant Marye's Church.

Samv[e]ll Oing<sup>1</sup> flingin' mocke in to ye Common Vshue.<sup>2</sup>

Wee present Rodger Riley, for beeing dronk [in] Fisher gat, and dissturbing his nighbors with his<sup>3</sup> outcries.

Wee present Jasack<sup>4</sup> Caton for Ciping<sup>5</sup> a disorderle hous.

Wee present William Finn for keeping men plaing att shouell- 10  
abord<sup>6</sup> in his seller.

Wee pressent John Cook for beeing dronk on Sabath days.

91, ro. 6.

1688, October 9.

The Examination of Matthew Booker, of the Towne and County of the Towne of Nottingham, Cordwinder, taken this Ninth day 15  
of October, 1688, before Joseph Turpin and John Hydes, Two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the *said* Towne.

This Examinant saith, being in Company on the Twenty-f[if]th of August, 1688, at his owne howse in the Towne of Nottingham, with one John Derry, of the same Towne, and one Richard 20  
Hubboard, of the *said* Towne, and drinking together, the *said* Hubboard being in Drinke, the *said* Derry and Hubboard disputed about their Learning, and the *said* Hubboard *said* he would lay a wager with the *said* Derry, that he could not take a Greeke verse and turne it into Lattin, and after that into English, and upon that, laid 25  
downe five shillings; and the other laid downe five shillings to it, and put it into this Examinant's hand; but afterwards, the *said* Hubboard and Derry calling for more drinke, the *said* Hubboard quarrelled with the *said* Derry, and another man, about their wager; whereupon this Examinant, about Eleven a clocke at night of the same day, 30  
did perswade the *said* Derry to leave, and he would go along with him home, and so they did up the Pecke Lane, and then Hubboard followed, and had a mind to quarrell with the *said* Derry againe, and

<sup>1</sup> 'Oing' = Owen.

<sup>2</sup> 'Vshue' = issue.

<sup>3</sup> his,] 'theire,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> 'Jasack' = Isaac.

<sup>5</sup> Ciping = keeping.

<sup>6</sup> shouell-abord = shovelboard, a long board on which persons play by sliding metal pieces at a mark.

so Hubbard falling downe over a rammell<sup>1</sup> heap, left them, and the said Derry and this Examinant went to the 'Cage' together, and then this Examinant was desired by the said Derry to drinke a can of ale, but this Examinant said no, his wife would wonder what became of him, and so parted with the said Derry, and came home to his owne house, and went up to his wive's parlour, and lay downe by her, the nurse being by, and discoursed with them; both which was before Twelve of the clocke of the same night.<sup>2</sup> 90 a, ro. 42.

CLXII.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1688, October 11 and 15.

		li.	s.	d.
10	<i>Imprimis</i> , Wee present Jesper Dean for stoping the passeg of the Midleturme Jurie . . . . .	0	00	06
	2. Thomas Hearson for stoping the same . . . . .	0	00	06
	Wee present Master Puffin <i>pro</i> <sup>3</sup> Anoying the way beyond Broad Bridg with a Dunghill . . . . .	0	01	06
	Wee present Widdow Hazard for a Bleach Howse, and 15 keeping 3 Wells open . . . . .	0	05	00
	Wee present Robert Allycock <i>pro idem</i> <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	0	05	00
	Wee present John Huchenson for stoping the Midle- turne Passeg in his Closs . . . . .	50	00	06
	Thomas Willomett for a Clogg at his doare . . . . .	0	00	04
20	Thomas Wright, Baker, in Fisher Gate, <i>pro idem</i> <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	0	00	04
	Wee Present William Gamble for Anoying The Bridg End with a Saw Pitt and Wood . . . . .	0	02	00
	Wee present Master William Drewry for a Large Clogg Lying in the Broad Marsh . . . . .	0	00	06
25	Wee Present Jossua Walker for Anoying the Low Pave- ment with Plaister . . . . .	0	01	00
	Wee Present Isaac Bunny for an Incrochment at the East end of Castle-gate . . . . .	0	01	06
	Wee Present John Hazard <i>pro</i> <sup>3</sup> Annoying ye Common 30 without the Barr, with a Dunghill . . . . .	0	01	00

<sup>1</sup> rubbish.<sup>2</sup> The mark of Matthew Booker, as 'Hooker,' and the signatures of Aldermen Joseph Turpin and John Hydes are appended to this statement.<sup>3</sup> *pro*=for.<sup>4</sup> *pro idem*, for *pro eadem offensa* (for the same offence).<sup>5</sup> 'Pecter Fetherston' was fined 1s. for the same offence in his two closes.

Wee Present Robert Tow for building and Incloseing	li.	s.	d.
vpon the Common without the Chappell Barr	10	02	06
John Hart <i>pro</i> <sup>2</sup> nott scowring the Issue at Tyler's Close	0	01	06
Master William Drewry for Anoying the Low Pavement			
with Wood and stone	0	02	06 5
Master Thomas Trigg, <i>pro</i> <sup>2</sup> Anoying the street with Casks	30	01	06
Widdow Poynton, a Dunghill one <sup>4</sup> backside	0	00	06
George Stacey, <i>pro</i> <sup>2</sup> a Dunghill and haystack	0	01	00
Henrie Twells for Laying wood one <sup>4</sup> topp of Sheep			
Lanc	0	01	00 10
Widdow Beardsley, an Incroachment by hir porch and			
Gardin	0	01	00
Goodman <sup>5</sup> Mabbett, a Porch Incrochment	0	00	06
			2794.

CLXIII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1688, Wednesday, October 24.

It is this day ordered by this house, that the Charge and expence 15 which hath been occacioned by the wounds and Bruises that James Carruthers (a Scotchman and Soldier vnder the Command of Major Monrow, of the Lord Dumbarton's Regiment), received at Nottingham, shalbe defrayed and payed by the Corporacion of Nottingham, and by the hands of one or both of the persons aforesaid,<sup>6</sup> *videlicet*, 23 William Cockle and Caleb Wilkinson. 3456, fo. 13.

1688, Saturday, December 8.

Whereas, this Corporacion has been importuned by severall Lords to raise money towards the defrayinge the Charge of the Soldiers kept for the guard of the Princes Ann of Denmark, And whereas the Corporacion is much in debt, therefore the Corporacion have 25 desired Alderman Hawkins, Master Thomas Cooke, Master Samuel Watkinson, Master John Borrodale, and Master William Moore, or any three or more of them, to gather of all persons within this Cor-

<sup>1</sup> Three other presentments follow against others for the same offence.

<sup>2</sup> *pro* = for.

<sup>3</sup> Presentments against seven other persons follow for the like offence.

<sup>4</sup> one = on.

<sup>5</sup> 'Goodman' = gaffer; 'a slight appellation of civility; generally ironical.' (Johnson). Lowland Scotch, *gude man*.

<sup>6</sup> Mentioned in the preceding entry on the same page of the Council Book,

poracion, such summe or summes of money As they or any of them shall think fit to give for the vse aforesaid ; And the aforesaid Collectors to pay in such money as they collect, to Master Alderman Hawkins ; And Master Alderman Hawkins to give an Account to  
 5 this Corporacion ; And that the aforesaid Collectors shall, from tyme to time, call to their assistance such persons as they shall think fitt to help them in the busines aforesaid. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1688, Monday, December 24.

*John Hawkins.*—Whereas there was an order made the Eight day of December Instant, for the Collecting of money, As by the said  
 10 order may appear, And whereas the said Colleccions fall short of what was expected, This Corporacion have thought fitt to add to the said summes Collected, the summe of one hundred pounds, desiring Alderman Hawkins to pay the said summe of one hundred pounds, to be reimbursed by the Income of the Corporacion. *Ib.*, fo. 23.

1689, Monday, April 1.

15 *Master Walker.*—Whereas the late Corporacion promised Master Hugh Walker, over and above his Sallery as Bridge Master, the summe of Tenn shillings for his extriordinary care and pains about the Bridges for the last yeare ; It is this day ordered, that Master Joseph James, one of the Bridg Masters, Doe pay to the said Master Walker  
 20 the summe of Tenn shillings, in pursuance of the said promise. And it shalbe allowed him in his Accounts. *Ib.*, fo. 40.

*Master Wilson.*—Whereas we are informed that the late Corporacion tooke 30 li. *per Annum* from Master Wilson, Minister of the parish of Saint Peter's in the Towne of Nottingham, from December,  
 25 1682, till Michaelmas, 1684, in which time he was damnified thereby about sixty pounds ; And whereas they, at the importunity of a person of quality, did at Michaelmas, 1684, order the said Master Wilson 15 li. *per Annum*, which was paid him proporcionably for halfe a yeare ; and then at Lady day, 1685, they suspended the same, which  
 30 suspension was continued till Midsummer, 1688, in which tyme they kept from him, of the said 15 li. *per Annum*, the summe of 45 li. ; And whereas the said Master Wilson did desire this house that Inquiry might be made into the reason of the aforesaid suspensions, that if they were not good and allowable by the said house, he might have  
 35 the same restored to him again ; wherevpon enquiry has accordingly been made, and nothing appears of any just cause for the suspension

of the said 15 li. a yeare, and therefore this house has this day ordered that the Arrears of the said 15 li. a yeare, which comes to 45 li., shalbe paid him by the Chamberlains, As soon as the Corporacion is out of debt, and in good condicïon to pay the same. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

CLXIV.—*Presentments of the Mickletorn Jury.*

1689, Thursday, April 18.

[Wee present] Gesper Deane, of Wilford, for not opening	li.	s.	d.	5
A passage in his Close for the Middelton Jury . . . . .	0	0	6	
1. . . . Hardmeate, for A Dunghill betweene ye feild, pin-				
fould, and ye High Cross . . . . .	20	0	6	
Thomas Eliot, for A Brick kilne upon the plaines . . . . .	0	5	0	
William Stubbins, for not openinge A Gapp for ye Middel-				10
ton Jury . . . . .	0	0	6	
George Arnold, for not Scoweringe A Ditch which Comes				
for[th] A springe in the Gossey Cloase, Neare to				
the neare Coppy Gate . . . . .	—	0	—	

1689, Monday, April 22.

Hellen Jackson, for Anoyeing Hallifax Lane with A				15
Dunghill . . . . .	0	0	6	
James Flint, for earth lyeinge under his pales in Marye's				
gate . . . . .	—	0	—	
Mistris Burton, for A seller <sup>3</sup> in Carter gate . . . . .	0	1	0	
Widdow Warde, for a Dunghill in the Narro Marsh . . . . .	0	0	6	20
Master Thomas Fillingham, for stoupes <sup>4</sup> at his doare, in				
ye Narro Marsh . . . . .	0	0	6	
Joshewa Walker, for plaister lyeinge at his Doare, on ye				
Lowe Payment . . . . .	0	0	6	
Christopher Wood, for stoppinge A Common Issew, in ye				25
bottom of ye Glasshouse Lane . . . . .	0	1	0	
Master William Petty, for A Dunghill on ye owte side of				
Chappell Barr . . . . .	0	1	0	
Master Parker, for two porches, and two little Gardens to				
two Tennements, on ye back side; Widdow				30
Berdesley and Widdow Seawell beinge tennants . . . . .	0	1	0	

<sup>1</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>2</sup> Three other persons were fined for the like offence,

<sup>3</sup> 'seller,' cellar.

<sup>4</sup> posts.

	Master Cristopher Rennoldes, for A sinke in Woolpack lane; and, Alsoe, for Anoyeing ye saide Lane with muck at his back doare . . . . .	li.	s.	d.
		o	1	6
5	John Caulton, for Remoueinge A bridge in ye Middelton's walke, in Butchers' Cloase . . . . .	o	1	o
	Mistris Smith, for An encroachment of A Chimny, in ye Houlmes . . . . .	o	o	6
	Master Thomas Smith, ye Dyer, for Anoyeing ye highway with A muck hill, neare to Roasemary Lane end . . . . .	o	1	o
10	Greaseley, of Lenton, for Blockinge up the way with rammill, betwixt Roasemary Lane end and ye Fryer wall . . . . .	o	o	6
	Widdow Fitch Williams, for A swine Coate, at ye topp of Bearward lane . . . . .	o	o	6
15	Master William Cockle, for Caskes at his Doare . . . . .	o	o	6
	Master Francis Haynes, for Rammill in ye Bottle lane . . . . .	o	o	6
	Mistris Parsons, for A seller Hed lyeinge open in ye Midle Payment . . . . .	o	1	o
		2794.		

CLXV.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1689, June 10.

- 20 <sup>1</sup>Memorandum, that upon the 10th day of June, 1689, Master Edward Bartliffe came to me,<sup>2</sup> about 12 of the clocke, with a paper intituled, 'A declaration of his most sacred Majestic, King James the 2nd, to all his *Loyal* subjects in the Kingdom of England,' and told me he had received it by the post in a blanke paper; but the person  
25 that sent it he knows not. 3456, fo. 50.

1689, Friday, July 5.

- Whereas it was this day moved, at the Instance of the Right Honourable, the Earle of Kingston, whether the Tenn pounds taken from the Minister of *Saint Marie's Church*, And given to the other two Ministers of *Saint Peter's* and *Saint Nicholas' Churches*, should  
30 again be restored; It was this day, by the vnanimous Consent of this house, ordered, that the said Tenn pounds soe taken away As afore-said should be continued As now disposed; And that Master Major,

<sup>1</sup> Quoted in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1038.<sup>2</sup> The then Town Clerk, Charles Bawdes.

or some of the Aldermen, shall signify this order to my Lord Kingston, if his Lordshipp require it. *Ib.*, fo. 50.

1689, July 10.

*Free School*.—Whereas Aldris<sup>1</sup> Parker's late Burgess part, being School Land, is by this house ordered to be returned to the School, Soe, likewise, It is this day ordered, that all other Burgess parts that are in the Free School Land, shall returne to the school, As they shall fall. *Ib.*, fo. 54.

1689, Tuesday, July 30.

*Master Thomas Smith, Alderman*.—*Memorandum*, that Master Alderman Smith hath appeared this day before this house, and hath declared his willingnesse to serve this Corporation to the best of his power and skill ; but that he cannot recieve the Sacrament according to the church of England ; and so cannot quallifie himselfe, as the Law doth require.

*Barbara Taylor*.—Whereas this house hath heretofore disposed of the Almes-houses in the White rents as they did become empty, 15 Therefore, it is this day ordered, that Barbara Taylor shall have that room out of which Widdow Radford died, and is now vacant, though the vacancy was formerly disposed of by Trustees elected by this house, which this house now thinke fit, for good reasons, to lay aside and dispose of it themselves. *Ib.*, fo. 55. 20

1689, Saturday, August 10.<sup>2</sup>

Whereas Master Alderman Smith, Master John Nevill, Coroner, Master Thomas Pool, Master Benjamin Holmes, Master John Welch, Master Joseph Sylls, Master Samuel Roads, and Master William Belfin, Members of this house, have declared to this house that they cannot qualifie themselves, by taking the Sacrament soe As the Act of 25 Parliament directs, to Act in their severall places in this Corporacion, Therefore, this house, in pursuance of the said Act of parliament, have thought fitt to remove and dismiss the above-named persons from their severall places And Offices ; And accordingly they were all this day dismissed.<sup>3</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 57. 30

<sup>1</sup> Aldris=Aldermaness.    <sup>2</sup> 'Die Saturni nono die Augusti,' MS. *Translation*: Saturday, the *ninth* day of August. It was, however, the tenth.

<sup>3</sup> Samuel Smith, of the Head Council, was also 'dismissed' the same day.

1689, Wednesday, August 14.

Whereas there was a vacancy of severall of the Councell by the not qualifying themselves, As the Statute directs in relation to the Sacrament onely ; And, whereas, notice was given to the Burgesses that there would be an Eleccion of other Members in their room at  
 5 seven of the Clock, yesterday, in the forenoon ; Accordingly, proceeding, after the said tyme, to Elect, *Master Nicholas Miller, Master William Stirrup, Master Thomas Hardemeat, Master John Ross, Master John White, Master John Wingfeild and Master Joseph Briggs* were, by majority of votes, chosen by the Major, Aldermen, and Burgesses to  
 10 be of the head Councell ; And *Master Francis Armstrong* was, by majority of votes, chosen to be of the Councell of six, in the room of *Master Belfin ; Master John Nevill, Master Thomas Pool, Master Benjamin Holmes, Master John Welch, Master Joseph Sylls, Master Samuell Smith [and] Master Samuell Roads* ; And, accordingly, the  
 15 said *Master Stirrup, Master Hardemeat, Master Ross, Master White, Master Wingfeild, Master Briggs, and Master Armstrong* were all sworne into<sup>1</sup> their seuerall places. The said *Master Samuell Smith* did not refuse to qualify himselfe, but refused to be of the Councell, and, at his request, was discharged from the Councell.<sup>2</sup> *Ib., fo. 61.*

1689, Wednesday, August 28.

20 *Memorandum*, That vpon this day, the Twentieth day of August Instant, *Master William Greaves* was,<sup>3</sup> by the Majority of Voats of the Major, Aldermen, and Burgesses, chosen of the head Councell in the room of *Master John Borraddell*, who is gone into the King's service into Ireland. And accordingly the said *William Greaves* was<sup>3</sup>  
 25 sworne into the said Office of head Counciller. *Ib., fo. 63.*

1689, Friday, August 30.

Whereas the Burgesses have lately Chosen severall persons to bee of the Councell of this towne, who refuse to act therin vpon ye accountt of ye old Charter, they Lookeing vpon itt to bee still in force, from whence they conclude yat they ought not to joyne with or  
 30 act vnder any other Authority then<sup>4</sup> what is grounded vpon yat Charter ; therefore ye Councell, taking occation from thence, doe

<sup>1</sup> 'into' is here repeated in MS.

<sup>2</sup> On the same day Mr. John Crisp was chosen Alderman in the room of Mr. Alderman Smith, and Mr. James, Coroner,

in the room of Mr. John Nevill, who was dismissed.

<sup>3</sup> was,] 'were,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> then = than.

thinke fitt, for there owne vindication and others' satisfaction, to assert and declare *yat* they are and euer were for ye said old Charter, and euer did and does looke vpon ye pretended Surrender of *yat* Charter to bee fraudulent and sureptitious ; and *yat* ye new Charter, obtained there vpon, was Illegall and vnjust ; and they euer did and doe highly 5 approue, owne, and commend all those who stood for ye old charter, as they themselues in their private Stations and capacitys euer did, nor would they<sup>1</sup> haue accepted of ye late King's<sup>2</sup> Mandates, but to serue the towne, and to free them from a company of ill men, who had noe Legall right to there places, and who had very much oppressed, 10 enslaued, and abused the Towne ; And for these reasons and ends, and to prevent those men from<sup>3</sup> coming in againe, and to secure the goverment till the old charter should bee restored, they, vpon the *Quo warranto*, procured a new Charter, not out of any dislike to the old one, but out of necessity, they being aduised to itt, and ye time 15 then not permitting the restoration of that Charter ; by which new Charter they haue hithertoo, to the seruise of the Towne, kept out the new-Charter men, and haue acted as much as they could vnder itt, according to the rulls of the old Charter, and to the seruise and interest of all those *yat* were friends to itt ; soe that, in truth, the old 20 Charter, euer since ye new-Charter men was turned out, hath beene virtually Amongst us ; for they haue euer owned itt, and persued itt in all the manie points of itt ; and they haue done all they can to haisten and haue itt, till when that they must either act by the authority they haue, or dissert ye goverment ; but *yat* they<sup>4</sup> may not, 25 must not, nor dare not doe, and therfore they must doe ye first ; and who euer Blames them for itt, or will not assist them in itt, are, they thinke,<sup>5</sup> very much to blame.

*Ib.*, fo. 65.

1689, Monday, September 30.

*Councill.*—Whereas there hath been great Inconveniencys by the Councels neglecting to come to this house, according to the Summons 30 given them, And, when mett, departing the Councill without Lyncense ; It is this day, therefore, ordered by the Majority of voats of this house, that when any of the Councill neglects to appear, or attend this house by the space of halfe an hour after the time appointed, or depart the

<sup>1</sup> they,] 'ye,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> James the Second's.

<sup>3</sup> from,] 'for,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> they,] 'ye,' MS.

<sup>5</sup> 'are' is here unnecessarily inserted in the MS. apparently at a later period, the ink being much darker than that of the rest of the minute.

house without licence, for every such failer they shall forfeit the summe of Twelve pence, to be given to the vse of the poor, As this house shall think fitt.

*Memorandum*, Whereas Master Alderman Langford hath five shillings Earnest money in his hands, It is this day, therefore, ordered by this house, that the aforesaid Five shillings shalbe given to the Frenchman that is at Truelow Green's, being a great Act of Charity.<sup>1</sup>

3457, fo. 7.

1689, Friday, October 4.

*Memorandum*, It is this day ordered, that the two Sherriffs, the Two Chamberlains Master Cooke and Master Stirrupp, shall view the Towne-Goal, and see what is their requisite to be done; and to give in their report the next Hall day.

*Memorandum*, It is this day ordered, that all Lands and tenements within the precincts of this Towne shalbe equally Assessed for the releife of the poor, for the Church, And, according As the Statute directs, for the King.

*Memorandum*, It is this day ordered, that Neither the Chamberlains, Bridg Masters, or Schoolwardens shall lay out any money vpon any extriordinary occasions, without the Consent of the Councill.

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*Ib.*, fo. 9.

1689, Friday, October 25.

Whereas Joshua Carrington, Barber, was shott in ye back, he being upon the Watch for this Corporacion, which said shott endangered his life; and likewise was to his great damage, and loss in his trade, and great charge in the Cure; It is, therefore, unanimously agreed by this house, that the Chamberlyns shall pay Master Alderman Langford ye summe of Forty<sup>2</sup> shillings for his extraordinary care and Cure of the said Joshua Carrington aforesaid, which said summe shall be allowed by this Corporacion.

It is this day Ordred that the Chamberlyns shall send for to ye Exchequer, etc., a new quarter of hundred averdepois, from halfe an Ovnce to a Draum; and of Troy Waites from a quarter of an Ounce to a Dram; and charge shall be paid by ye Corporacion.

*Ib.*, fo. 15.

<sup>1</sup> On the 13th December following, Mr. 'Biggee,' or 'Bigge' (spelt both ways

in the Council Book), a French Protestant, was allowed £20, as 'an object of charity.'

<sup>2</sup> Forty,] 'Forty,' MS.

1689, Friday, November 8.

It is this day Ordred yat *Masters* Chamberlins and *Master* Rose and *Master* Briggs shall agree with *Master* Smyth, or any other Person, to paint ye Duke of New Castle's and ye Lord of Kingston's Armes, and shall be allowed by ye Corporacion.

<sup>1</sup> It is also Ordered, that what Guns, etc., shall be taken away from any Person in this Towne yat is supposed to kill any of ye King's deere in ye Forest, such Guns, etc. shall remaine in the hands of ye Major or ye Justices of the Towne, and if any trouble shall arise by ye detaining of the Guns aforesaid, shall be defended at ye charge of the Corporacion.

*Ib.*, fo. 17. 10

1689, Friday, November 22.

Resolved, That *Master* Major be requested to treat with *Master* Baudes,<sup>2</sup> that he take *Master* Athorpe to be his deputy in the office of Towne Clarke, and that speedily, or else diligently officiate himselfe.

*Sir William Stanhope*.—Upon the receipt of a letter from *Sir William Stanhope*, dated the 18th of November, 1689, requesting *Master* Major and the justices of the peace to seize all gunns and dogs of persons suspected to dammage his Majestie's Game, and alledging that he and his deputy hath power to do it themselves :

Resolved, That if *Sir William Stanhope*, by his Servant, shall give notice who they are in this Towne that keep such gunns and dogs, upon such complaint *Master* Major and the justices of peace are requested to seize such into their custody, that the King[s] chase may be preserved, and the corporation interest secured.

Resolved, That the Chamberlaines be ordered to pave the passage from *Saint Nicholas* church-yard to Widdow Chambers' house in Castle gate.

*Ib.*, fo. 19.

1689-90, Tuesday, January 14.

It is this day ordered, that whatever businesse is done that belongeth to the Towne Clerke[s] office, if he Neglect the same, shall be paid to the persons that do it by the Chamberlaines, and stopped out of the Towne's Clerke's salary.

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It is this day ordered, that *Master* Pywell shall have Three pounds allowed him by the Corporation for the hire and losse of his horse, which was pressed by the Major's order, in the year 1688, for the King's service, in the time of the rebellion of Dumbarton regiment. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1038.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Charles Baudes, the then Town Clerk.

<sup>1</sup>It is this day ordered, that if the King and Queen, or eether of them, shall passe or repasse through this Corporation in his or her Majestic's journey into Scotland, or from Scotland, that they shall be Received and entertained as former Kings and Queens have been  
5 by this Corporation, and at the charge of this Corporation.

<sup>2</sup>It is this day ordered, that whereas Three pewter dishes, and Twelve plates, of the Towne-pewter, were lent to the Right Honorable, the Earl of Devonshire[']s service, when in this Towne, at the Comeing in of the Princess of Denmarke, and was lost, though  
10 Master Langford, the<sup>3</sup> then Major, tooke all the care he cold<sup>4</sup> about it, the losse shall be the Towne's, and Master Langford discharged of them.

*Ib.*, fo. 23.

It is this day ordered, that if Master Ellis shall come to the Benefit of the Vicaridge of *Saint Mary's*, in the room of Doctor  
15 Crobrow, that Master Ellis shall have Twenty pounds a year paid him by this Corporation.

It is this day ordered that the schoolmaster[']s house shall not be repaired *per*<sup>5</sup> this Corporation.

*Ib.*, fo. 24.

1689-90, Thursday, March 11.

It's this day ordered by this house, that the Mayor<sup>6</sup> shall at all  
20 times hereafter (when there is need and occasion for it, whether in the absence, or thro' ye neglect, of Master Bawdes), make vse of Master Lawrence Athorpe for his advice and assistance in all the Towne's busines, who is this day by this house appointed deputy Town Clerk: and yat he shall be allowed and sattisfyed for his care  
25 and paines therein according to reason.<sup>7</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 27.

1690, Tuesday, April 15.

*Chamberlins.*—It is this day Order'd, that ye Chamberlins shall allow the charge of ye keeping and sending away ye suspected Seamen lately sent away to Stockwith.

*Ib.*, fo. 29.

1690, Thursday, May 8.

It is this day Ordered, that if ye Arch-Bishop of Yorke comes to

<sup>1</sup> Noticed, but not quoted *in extenso* by Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1038.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1039.

<sup>3</sup> *the*,] 'then,' MS.

<sup>4</sup> 'cold' = could.

<sup>5</sup> *per* = by.

<sup>6</sup> So MS.: hitherto 'Major' or 'Maior.'

<sup>7</sup> Immediately after this entry, which is in a strange hand (probably Alderman Turpin's), is the following ironical comment, apparently in the handwriting of Mr. Bawdes, Town Clerk: ~~It~~ 'a learn'd Order.'

this Towne, that it shall be referred to Master Major and [ye] Aldermen, to send him a present, as ye Major and Aldermen shall thinke fitt.

*Ib.*, fo. 33.

1690, Monday, May 19.

It is this day Ordered, that the Major and Aldermen shall always come into Councell in their Gownes, and the Councell-Men in their hanging<sup>1</sup> Coates; if they do not, they shall forfeite the Summe of twelve pence.

*Ib.*, fo. 36.

1690, Monday, May 26.

*Quære*, Whereas there are five Mandamuses served upon this Corporacion, requiring the present Major, Aldermen, and Burgesses of this Corporacion to restore Gervas Rippon, Esquire, into ye office of 10 Major, and William Petty, Gentleman, William Toplady, Gentleman, [and] Robert Wortley, Gentleman, to ye offices of Aldermen, and John Scattergood into ye office of Sheriffe of the said Towne; or Shew cause to ye contrary, whether the aforesaid persons shall be restored, or cause to be shewed to ye contrary, pursuant to ye afore- 15 said Writts: It is this day Ordered that cause shall be shewed why the aforesaid Persons shall not be restored into their seuerall places, according to ye aforesaid Mandamuses. *Quære*, whether ye charge of shewing cause aforesaid shall be allowed by this Corporation? It is this day Ordered, that the charges of shewing cause for ye not 20 restoring ye Persons aforesaid shall be allowed by this Corporacion.

*Ib.*, fo. 40.

<sup>2</sup>Whereas the Gentlemen in the Country are desirous that this Corporation would raise moneys, to purchase a peice of Plate to be run for at the horse-race, as formerly there hath been; and whereas 25 Master Christopher Renolds hath in his hands Four pounds, Two shillings, that was left of a former horse-race; therefore, this House being willing to gratifie the said Gentlemen in their request, do consent, that if Master Rennolds will bring in his moneys, there should care be taken for a peice of plate.

*Ib.*, fo. 41. 30

1690, Tuesday, June 10.

Whereas the Councell is satisfied, upon good information, that Master Bauds<sup>3</sup> hath divulged the secretts of the said Councell, and

<sup>1</sup> 'hanging' = depending, or falling loosely on the lower part.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey under wrong date of 1689, vol. iii., p. 1038.

<sup>3</sup> Or Bawdes, the then Town Clerk.

hath also very lately declared to them, that he would do so, contrary to his oath and trust ; Therefore, it is this day ordered, that when ever anything of waight, fit to be concealed, is to be debated in the Councell, if he be there, he shall be desired to withdraw ; and if he  
 5 refuse, yat nothing of that nature shall be proceeded upon.

And it's also further ordered, that Master Major shall have the keeping of his owne Books. *Ib.*, fo. 46.

<sup>1</sup> 1690, Monday, June 16.

Whereas Gervas Rippon, William Toplady, William Petty, Robert Wortley, and John Scattergood have brought their severall  
 10 Mandamuses, and have proceeded to *plures* mandamuses therein, to restore the said Gervas Rippon to be Major, William Toplady, William Petty, and Robert Wortley to be Aldermen, and John Scattergood to be one of the Sheriffes of the Town of Nottingham, directed to the Major, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Towne of  
 15 Nottingham ; We, ye said Major, Aldermen and Councell, being this day assembled in Councell, do hereby order and give full power and Authority unto Lawrence Athorp, gentleman,<sup>2</sup> Attorney at Law, to make and endorse such returns or returnes upon<sup>3</sup> the said severall Mandamuses, As Sir George Treby, Knight, their Majesties' Attorney-  
 20 Generall, Sir John Somers, Knight, their Majesties' Solicitor Generall, Alexander Stanhope and Ralph Grange, Esquires, Councillors at Law, shall direct ; and, for so doing, this order shall be his, the said Laurence Athorpe's, warrant. *Ib.*, fo. 48.

1690, Monday, June 30.

<sup>4</sup>Whereas the Common Counsell hath been this day credibly in-  
 25 formed, that there is and hath been a very dangerous designe, contrived and carried on by a disaffected party of this Towne, for the disarming of all or most part of their Majesties' best and most loyall subjects here, who, at the King's first comeing in, shewed themselves most forward with their hands and purses for the carrying on of that  
 30 excellent revolution, and have ever since been most zealous and ready to serve their Majesties, and to preserve the Government with their lives and fortunes to the utmost of their power ; and the Counsell

<sup>1</sup> The minutes are dated 'Die Lunae, Decimo tertio die Junii' (Monday, the thirteenth day of June). Monday, however, was June 16, the 13th June being Friday.

<sup>2</sup> Deputy Town Clerk : see *ante*.

<sup>3</sup> 'and' is here inserted in the MS.

<sup>4</sup> Noticed and quoted in part by Bailey, vol. iii., pp. 1041 and 1042.

considering ye dangerous consequences of such an attempt, and how much it may prejudice their Majesties' interest, and advance the late King's, at this time especially, Have this day ordered, that a speedy and diligent enquiry be made into this thing, and that if it appear to be soe, *yat* then notice be immediately given thereof to their Majesties, 5 and their most Honorable Privy Councill, *yat* such order may be taken therein as they shall thinke fit. And it is also further ordered by this Councill, that application be further made to *Master Hutchinson*, one of *our* representatives in *Parliament*, to desire him to acquaint the Right<sup>1</sup> Honorable, the Earl of Kingston, as soon as may 10 be, with this order, and to let his Lordship know, that if he will please to give this Corporation leave, they will informe his Lordship who in this Towne they have reason to suspect are disaffected to the Government, that care may be tooke of them; and, further, to signifie to his Lordship that this Corporation is altogether ignorant of any- 15 thing they ever *said* or did to disoblige his Lordship; but, if they have, and they may but know it, they are ready to acknowledge it, and beg his Lordship[s] pardon for it; and also to let his Lordship know *yat* the Councill wonders to hear that *Master Rippon*<sup>2</sup> should say that his Lordship would be revenged of some of us and ruine us, 20 which they hope is utterly false; and, therefore, if his Lordship desire it, the Magistrates are ready to call *Master Rippon* to account for it; and it's further ordered by this Councill, that a true Coppy of this order be sent to the *said* *Master Hutchinson*, to be presented to and left with the *said* Earl, for his Lordship[s] satisfaction, and their 25 vindication.

*Ib.*, fo. 50.

1690, Tuesday, July 1.

<sup>3</sup>Whereas there came a warrant this day from the Earle of Kingston, for the searching for Armes in the houses of all disaffected persons, and particularly of *Master Major*<sup>4</sup> and the Aldermen and Councill of this Towne; and the militia officers, by vertue of the 30 same, did take severall Armes from the Major and others of their Majesties' loyall subjects, to the great discouragement of this government and their Majesties' subjects under the same; therefore, it is unanimously<sup>5</sup> resolved, that the Aldermen and Councill request

<sup>1</sup> The MS. repeats 'Right.'

<sup>2</sup> Probably Gervase Rippon, the ex-Mayor.

<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey with the previous order, vol. iii., p. 1042.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Charles Harvey.

<sup>5</sup> unanimously,] 'unamously,' MS.

Master Major to do that service for their Majesties and this corporation, as to go forthwith to London, and deliver our addresse, under our common seale, to her Majestie, in the name of this Corporation; and, further to sollicite for this corporation as in his wisdom he shall thinke fit. And his charges to be borne by this Corporation, and that one of his serjeant[s] waite on him thither. *Ib.*, fo. 52.

1690, Wednesday, July 2.

*Memorandum*, that the Addresse mentioned in yesterday's order had, this day, the common seal set to it, by the order and in the presence of the Councill.

10 It is this day ordered that Master Major, haveing granted the request of the Counsell to go to London with the Addresse, and to take care of the Corporation's affair; and he haveing appointed and deputed Master Alderman Langford deputy Major in his room, during his absence; that the *said* Deputy Major shall have into his custody  
15 the Mace and the Towne plate to secure; but, if it shall happen that the *said* Mace and plate should be violently taken from him, that he shall not be Answerable for them to this Corporation, because he takes them onely to secure them as he doth his owne.

<sup>1</sup> It is this day ordered, that Master [William] More, Master  
20 [Samuell] Watkinson, and Master [Joseph] Briggs shall take care to agree with Master [Samuell] Smith for the drawing their Majesties' Pictures, in Room of those Two Coats of Armes that were spoken for before. *Ib.*, fo. 54.

1690, Friday, August 22.

'Tis this day ordered, that Master [John] Cooke, Master [Joseph]  
25 Briggs, Master [Francis] Armstrong, and the Two Chamberlaines shall take the best method they can for the repair of the Causey pool; and to agree about the passage as cheap as they can, for the use of the Towne, or any four of them.

It is agreed by Majorety of Votes that the Toll called Scavenger's  
30 Fee shall be lett by match and pin,<sup>2</sup> for 7 year.<sup>3</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 58.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed by Bailey under wrong date of 1689, vol. iii., p. 1038.

<sup>2</sup> The following explanation of this has been suggested:—At the sale, a pin would be inserted in a certain part of the match (not the modern lucifer, but, in the words of Johnson, 'a card, rope, or chip of wood dipped in melted sulphur'), and the

match being lighted, the bidding for the 'Fee' would take place, the Fee falling to the last bidder immediately before the match should be burned down to the pin. Similar customs are said to survive at some auctions to the present day.

<sup>3</sup> The toll was leased to Francis Armstrong on the same day.

1690, Tuesday, September 16.<sup>1</sup>

It is this [day] ordered, that whereas the Toll-house on the outside of the barr is falne downe, and the toll-house in the market-place forth<sup>2</sup> of repair, that the present Sheriffes shall build up the one, and repair the other, and be repaid by the next Sherriffes, onely looseing 20s.; and so the Sherriffes successively loose Tenne shillings a peice, 5 as it was customary, in payment of the Maces and staffes. *Ib.*, fo. 65.

Whereas Master Knight, the Schoolmaster, was sent for by the Counsell this day, to know of him whether he intended to Leave the School, having lately a living given him, as reported, and to acquaint him of complaints against him touching the discharge of his place 10 and refusing to come; It is ordered that the Schoolwardens shall have notice given them to pay him no more quartridge after Michaelmas, and to give him notice thereof, and that the Councell will take care for another Schoolmaster in his place. *Ib.*, fo. 67.

1690, Wednesday, September 24.

It is this day ordered, that the Chamberlyns for the year ensueing 15 shall take care to repair the windows and door of the Shambles and Spice Chambers, and likewise the Floor, that the Serjeants may keep them cleane.

It is ordered that Master Mayor shall be requested to go [to] London the next Michaelmas Terme, in order to the manageing the 20 Suite between the Corporation and Master Gervas Rippon and others; and his charges to be borne by the Corporation.

<sup>3</sup>It is ordered that an Adresse shall be made to their Majesties, as Master Slater and Master Hutchinson, our representatives, shall advise. *Ib.*, fo. 68. 25

*Master Samuell Smith.*—Whereas Master Mayor did yesterday signe a Bill of Seven pounds, five shillings, to be paid to Master Samuell Smith for drawing the King's Armes and Prince George's Armes upon the Canvas, and in the Frames he had drawn my Lord Duke and Lord Kingston's Armes, and to-day demanding Twenty 30 shillings more for Coppys of the aforesaid Armes; the Councell enquiryng into the matter, do find that Master Smith was never

<sup>1</sup> 'Die Martis *Decimo quinto* die mensis Septembris' (Tuesday, the *fifteenth* day of the month of September), MS. Monday, however, was the fifteenth.

<sup>2</sup> forth=out.

<sup>3</sup> Noticed by Bailey under date 1689, vol. iii., p. 1038.

treated with, or agreed withall, by those yat were appointed for that purpose, and the Mayor denies that ever he gave him any order about the same, and never did he hear any thing about the Prince of Denmarke's armes before they were done; the counsell, therefore, think<sup>1</sup> not fit to pay the Bill of 20s., but expect the Armes should be Finished for the aforesaid seven pounds, five shillings. *Ib.*, fo. 69.

1690, Friday, September 26.

It is this day ordered that Master Stanhope be advised withall, whether Master Bauds shall have any thing for drawing Master Hawkins' Mortgage, being for the Towne's use; and whether any thing for drawing two old middleturn Jury presentments; but, for his 3 motions about a Bastard child in Saint Mary's Parish, the Councell apprehends it payable by the overseers of the said parish; and for drawing one part of the Articles for setting the poore on worke, they also apprehend that the 3 parishes ought to pay that charge, and all 15 other matters upon that accompt; and for the 12s. he demands for drawing the Bridgmasters', Schoolwardens' and Chamberlaines' bookes, in that in their severall offices they attended him to have them drawne, and could not get them done, and<sup>2</sup> so were forced to get another to do it, and do not thinke themselves liable to pay him, and 20 that Alderman Turpin's great Charge and paines in officateing his place shall be referred to Master Stanhope what he shall have, and who shall pay him. *Ib.*, fo. 70.

1690, Thursday, October 2.

Whereas we, the Common Counsell, have thought fit and requisite that an Adresse should be presented to his Majestie, to congratulate 25 his happy returne forth of Ireland, and have agreed upon the ensuing Adresse to be so presented, do request and appoint Master Alderman [Charles] Harvey to present the same as soon as may be.

'To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

'The humble Adresse of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common 30 'Counsell, Coroners and Sherriffs of this your Majestie's Antient 'Corporation of Nottingham.

'We, your Majestie's most dutifull and Loyall subjects, must ever 'acknowledge, that as this Corporation has the greatest reason to be 'thankfull to God and the King for the late most happy and admirable 35 'revolution, so we are sure that there is none in England has greater

<sup>1</sup> think,] 'thing,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> and,] 'as,' MS.

'cause then we have, all things duely considered, to congratulate *your* Majestie's safe and Successfull returne out of Ireland.

'And, therefore, we most humbly crave *your* Majestie's leave thus 'publickly, solemnely, and sincerely to professe and declare before 'God Allmighty, and to your most sacred Majesty, our gratefull and 5 'joyfull sence of this exceeding great and unexpressible mercy, 'wherein the true interest not onely of this nation, but of all Christen- 'dome, is so nearly and highly concerned. And we do most humbly 'and heartily assure *your* Majesty, that nothing shall ever be wanting 'on our parts, to the utmost of our abilities, in our severall stations 10 'and Capacities to support and promote *your* Majestie's interest and 'service.

'God preserve *your* Majesty<sup>1</sup> from all the force and fraud of all 'your enemies, make you successfull and victorious in all *your* glorious 'enterprizes, graunt you a long and prosperous Raigne over us, and 15 'in the world to come crown *your* sacred Majesty<sup>2</sup> with endlesse 'glories and Felicities.

'These are the humble prayers, sincere resentments,<sup>3</sup> and hearty 'resolves of *your* Majestie's most obedient subjects, signified and 'confirmed under our publicke seale, which we have hereunto caused 20 'to be affixed, this 2d day of October in the 2d year of *your* Majestie's 'most happy Raign over us, *Annoque Domini*<sup>4</sup> 1690.' 3458, fo. 6.

1690, Wednesday, October 8.

Whereas, *Master* Bauds was this day sent for by this house, and charged with severall Articles touching the Neglect of his office, which are as followeth :—

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*Master* Bauds did, in the hearing of a Gentleman that will assert it upon oath, defame the present Corporation of Nottingham, and say that he had done all he could to disoblige them, for he desired to be quitt of his place, or words to that effect.

2ly. He hath frequently absented himselfe from the Councell of the 30 *said* Towne; also from the Sessions; and, particularly, when Alderman Harvey, the then present Mayor, ordered him to attend, he refused; also hath discovered the secrets of the Councell, which by

<sup>1</sup> Majesty,] 'Majesties,' MS. The Queen (Mary II.), may have been in the writer's mind as well as the King.

<sup>2</sup> Majesty,] 'Majestys,' MS.

<sup>3</sup> 'resentments' here = sentiments,

Johnson has defined resentment as 'a strong perception of good or ill.' Originally, it had no sinister meaning.

<sup>4</sup> Translation: And in the year of the Lord.

his oath he is obliged to keep, and being charged therewith, did declare that he would do so, saying afterwards, he meant the secret of the Counsell that was evill. He Neglected to prepare the Recognizances at the Assizes, by which the Justices, if other care had not  
5 been taken, might have been fined ; also there was the same neglect at the Sessions.

And, having time given him by this house till Saturday next to give his answer to the aforesaid charge, he replied he did not desire so much time, but would give it at present, which was as followeth ;  
10 That he would give no answer till it was decided by Law, or words to y<sup>e</sup>t effect.

*Ib.*, fo. 8.

1690, Monday, October 27.

Whereas Master Bauds hath brought an action against Master John Hawkins, our present Mayor, for Speaking words touching the discovery of the secrets of this Counsell, and other things relateing to  
15 the neglect of his office, etc., which were no more then the declaration of the sense and opinion of the said Counsell ; It is therefore this day ordered that the defence of the said suite shall be borne at the charge of this Corporation.

*Ib.*, fo. 9a.

Whereas Master Bauds, our present Towne Clerke, hath very  
20 much neglected the duty of his office of Towne Clerke, so y<sup>e</sup>t the businesse that was to be by him in that office performed and done for the good and weal of the said Towne lay undispatched, and Master Alderman Turpin being desired by this house for the management of our affaires, for the good of the said Towne's, hath taken  
25 great paines therein, but [hath been] threatened by Master Bauds to be sued for executing the same : It is, therefore, this day ordered that Master Alderman Turpin be paid for what he hath done for this Corporation ; and if Master Bauds Bring any action against him for the same, that he shall be defended at the charge of this Corpora-  
30 tion ; and it is further ordered that Master Alderman Turpin be desired to act all such businesse for the Towne as belongeth to Master Bauds to do, and shall hereafter occur, untill further order ; and that he shall be paid for the same by this Corporation, and defended and kept indemnified by this Corporation.

*Ib.*, fo. 10.

1690, Monday, November 10.

35 Memorandum, that John Parker, late Alderman of this Towne, did declare that he had no residence in this Towne unto Master

[William] Noon<sup>1</sup> and others, upon which the Councell do Judge him to have no right of Common with us. *Ib.*, fo. 11.

1690-1, Thursday, January 8.

*The Schoolmaster.*—It is this day ordered, that unlesse Master Knight and Master Birch, the Schoolmaster and Usher, do<sup>2</sup> appear to-morrow at Two of the clocke, at the Towne Hall, to attend the Mayor and Councell, and answer to such things as shall be charged upon them, notice whereof is ordered to be given them by Master Wingfeild, one of the Schoolwarden[s], that this Councell will proceed to displace them, and chuse others in their roome. *Ib.*, fo. 17.

1690-1, Friday, January 9.

*Quære*, whether Master Gowen Knight shall be removed from the office of Head-schoolmaster of the Free school of the Towne of Nottingham; and also whether Master Samuell Birch shall be removed from the office of Usher of the said Free school?

Whereas power is given by the last will and Testament of Agnes Mellors, the Founder of the Free-school of the Towne of Nottingham, unto the Mayor, Aldermen, Counsell, and the present Schoolwardens for the time being, or eight of them (the Mayor and Schoolwardens to be there), for reasonable causes to remove and displace the Schoolmaster and Usher of the said Free-school from their places or offices: We therefore, the Mayor, Aldermen, Counsell, and Schoolwardens for the time being, being in Counsell assembled, and having severall times sent to the present Head-Schoolmaster, Master Gowen Knight, and Master Samuell Birch, Usher of the said School, formerly, and particularly having notice given them by the present Guardians of ye said School, to appear this day before ye said Mayor, Aldermen, Counsell and Guardians, to acquaint with such things as were objected against them in neglecting the duty of their office or places, which by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Councell and Guardians, are judged reasonable causes for their removall, which are ready to be alledged to them when required; and the said Master Gowin Knight and Master Samuell Birch have refused to appear here this day: We therefore, the Mayor, Aldermen, Counsell, and Guardians have unanimously ordered that Master Gowen Knight shall be removed from the office of Head-Schoolmaster of the said Freeschool of the Towne

<sup>1</sup> One of the Council.

<sup>2</sup> do,] 'do not,' MS. 'Unless,' here = if.

of Nottingham, and Master Samuell Birch from the office of Usher of the *said* School, and they are removed accordingly.<sup>1</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1691, Friday, April 3.

It's this day ordered yat ye Railes about ye bull Ring be taken up, and parte of yem sett downe before Thomas Aluey's<sup>2</sup> doore.

- 5 *Memorandum*, Whereas Master Griffith was by this howse chosen vsher of ye free-schoole, and yat ye *said* Master Griffith hath relinquish't and left ye same; it is this day order'd yat ye aforesaid order be revoked, and it is accordingly revoaked and made void. Alderman Turpin absent. *Ib.*, fo. 21a.

1691, Friday, May 1.

- 10 *Memorandum*, That this Day Alderman Turpin did produce an Account to this House concerning the Almes-Houses called 'the White Rents,' in Houndesgate, which is as followeth, viz<sup>t</sup>.:—

6 Aug. 89. *Imprimis*, Received of Master Trotman, li. s. d.  
which was in his hand, being an Arrear of Rent. 02 00 00

- 15 25<sup>o</sup> *Marcii*, 90. Received of Master Scattergood, for  
Rent then due . . . . . 01 00 00

29<sup>o</sup> Sept. 90. Received then of John Scattergood, for  
Rent due . . . . . 01 00 00

25<sup>o</sup> *Marcii*, 91. Received more of him for Rent then due 01 00 00

20 05 00 00

Disbursed by Alderman Turpin, as appeares by his  
Account given to this House, and fyled vp with  
the Chamberlains' Accounts . . . . . 05 00 11  
Due to Alderman Turpin 11d.

- 25 this paid to Alderman Turpin May 27, 1691. *Ib.*, fo. 22a.

1691, Tuesday, June 16.

- Wogden*[s] *Apprentice*.—Whereas Complaint Hath beene made vnto this House by seuerall of the Coopers in this Towne, That John Woggden, a Cooper liveing here, hath lately taken one Hugh Charge, being about thirty yeares of Age, vnder a Pretence, and in a collusive<sup>3</sup>  
30 way, to serue him as an Apprentice, and procured him to be Inrolled,

<sup>1</sup> On the same day, Edward Gryffith was chosen usher of the free-school.

<sup>2</sup> Aluey = Alvey.

<sup>3</sup> 'collusive,' fraudulently concerted. A word seldom used now.

and so thereby to obtaine a freedome of a Burgesse of this Towne ; and this evill practice of the *said* John Woggden is to the Iniury and preiudice of the Burgesses of this Towne ; It's therefore Ordered, That the *said* Hugh Charge being Placed as an Apprentice with the *said* John Wogden as *aforesaid* is illegall ; and that the Inrollment of the *said* Hugh shall be razed out of the Booke of Inrollment for Apprentices, and that he shall not have any benefitt by this Apprentiship by being a Burgess of this Towne. *Ib.*, fo. 24a.

1691, Friday, July 3.

Ordered, *yat* Master Wilkinson appearing this day before the Councell, and submitting himselfe to them for the penalty in digging 10 and carrying the soile of a *certaine* parcell of Schoolelands in the Clayfield *which* he hath from ye Town upon Lease, He forthwith pay to the Schoolwardens three pounds for the *said* Offence and Trespasse ; And shall leave the *said* ground, where it is now dug, a spade-graft deep<sup>1</sup> of Soile above the skelly.<sup>2</sup> And *yat* for every yard that he 15 shall digg, cause or suffer to be digged up at any time hereafter, during his Lease, [he] shall pay to the Schoolwardens, or their Successors, Five shillings for every yard so digged up ; And the Schoolwardens shall for[th]with measure the *said* Ground to know how much of the same is now digged up, and give informacion of the same. 20

*Ib.*, fo. 26a.

1691, Monday, September 14.

Whereas, there is a Vacancy in the Free sch[ool]<sup>3</sup> of the] Town of Nottingham by the Death of Master Gowin K[night] ; This day, by Majority of Votes of this house, Master Edward Griffith is elected and chosen to be Head-school Master of the *said* School in h[is] Roome]. 25 And the Schoolwardens ar' by this house ordered to g[ive] him possession of the same ; And it is this day Ord[ered], that the *said* Schoolwardens pay to the Relict of Master Gowin Knight the quarter-age due till Michaelmas. *Ib.*, fo. 37.

1691, Wednesday, September 23.

*Memorandum*, The Coventrey Bonds being this day told over, 30

<sup>1</sup> 'Spade-graft deep' = the depth of the blade, *i.e.*, up to where the blade is inserted or *grafted* in the handle.

<sup>2</sup> Skelly, or skerry : a layer of grey substance, generally hard, and composed of very fine sand or grit ; but sometimes of

a softer consistence, and nearly resembling fuller's earth ; it is interstratified with beds of clay, and is usually found in the eastern part of Nottingham.

<sup>3</sup> The leaf of the Council-book is much torn.

there ar' Threescore and eight of them now in the Box in this House, which is the full Number, and makes up the full summe of all the Money the Corporacion hath received from Coventry by Virtue of Sir Thomas White's Will. *Ib.*, fo. 41.

1691, Monday, September 28.

- 5 It's this Day Ordered by this House, That *Master* Campfeild, Viccar or Minister of the Parish of *Saint* Marye's in this Town, shall haue paid vnto him the Summe of five pounds a quarter durence such time, and so long, as this House shall think convenient: the first payment to be made at Christmas next. *Ib.*, fo. 43.

1691, October 22.

- 10 <sup>1</sup>Ordered, That *Master* Alderman Hawkins treat with the Governour of the King and Queen's Corporacion for the Linen Manufacture at Salisbury Exchange, For Agreeing with him upon Terms for setting up the *said* Manufacture in this Town, according to the Proposals received in Print. 3459, fo. 16.

1691, November 4.

- 15 Whereas there is a Controversie hapen'd between the right Honorable, the Earl of Clare, and this Corporacion, concerning the right of a Deodand<sup>2</sup> by the death of<sup>3</sup> about three weeks agoe, who was thrown from his horse near unto Overberry's house in the way to the Leen, which being within the Walk of the Mickle  
20 Tourne Jury, It is therefore Ordered, That Applicacion be made by *Master* Alderman Hawkins to the *said* Earle, or such Councill as he appoints, for the preventing of suite, and Accomodacion of the *said* Difference. *Ib.*, fo. 18.

1691, Wednesday, November 25.

- Whereas this Councill hath been informed that a list of such  
25 persons as were to be Members of the next Corporacion was given to *Master* Sacheverell about Lent last past, which he approved of, And which this Councill never saw nor knew of: *Quære*, Whether our publick seal shall be affixed to an Instrument to desire and enable our Burgesses in Parliament to get our Corporacion settled on its old  
30 foundation, according to the aforesaid list, makeing such alteracions therein as they shall think fit?

It is Ordered this day, That the Publick Seal of this Corporacion

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1043.

<sup>2</sup> See *ante*, p. 248.

<sup>3</sup> Blank in MS.

shall be affixed to an Instrument to desire and enable our *said* Burgesses of Parliament to procure for us the settleing of this Corporacion upon its old Foundation, according to the above mencion'd list, makeing such alteracions therein as they shall think fit, And not excluding any other List which may come to their hands from any 5 Members of this House for that purpose. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1691, Saturday, December 26.

Whereas this Councill have received a Coppy of an Instrument from their Majesties' Attorney Generall, in order to the Settleing this Corporacion vpon its ancient rights and Priveledges, Wherein a nominacion of Officers for that purpose is mencioned, Or, in default 10 of such Nominacion by a certaine Day, then the same to be left to the discrecion and nominacion of the Burgesses in Parliament for this Towne :

1. *Quacre*, Whether<sup>1</sup> the Members of this House shall make a<sup>2</sup> Nominacion of such Officers mencioned in the aforesaid Instrument, 15 or not ?

*Memorandum*, that the Members of this House for a Nominacion of Officers or not, the Votes were equall. But Master Maior Votes for the Nominacion.

2. *Quaere*, Whether if it be necessary that we should call in the 20 Clothing-Men that of late haue beene Electors for Maior, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Chamberlaines, to ioyne in the said Nominacion ?

Vpon the second Quescion, the Votes of this House were equall ; But Master Maior was for the calling in the Clothing-Men.

3. *Quaere*, Whether to the Instrument aforesaid the Common Seale 25 of this Corporacion shall be affixed there vnto before the said Nominacion, or after it ?

Ordered by the Maiority Voices, that the Common Seale be affixed to the aforesaid Instrument after the Nominacion of Officers to be made. *Ib.*, fo. 25. 30

1691, Monday, December 28.

*Quaere*, whether Master Thorpe,<sup>3</sup> who is Deputy to Master Bauds, should stay in the Counsell, being unsworne to secresy, there being matters of great moment ?

Ordered that Master Thorpe withdraw.

*Ib.*, fo. 27.

<sup>1</sup> Whether,] 'Whither,' MS. So throughout. - a,] 'an,' MS. <sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, Athorpe.

1691-2, Saturday, January 2.

*Quære*, whether *Master Thorpe*,<sup>1</sup> Deputy Towne Clerke in the absence of *Master Bauds*, for the assistance of the Mayor and Counsell, shall not be present in Counsell, being upon his Burgesse oath for secresy?

5 Ordered that *Master Thorpe* shall be present in Counsell for the assistance of the Mayor and Counsell.

Whereas the six and twentyth day of December last past, It was ordered in Councell that ye Common Seal shall be affixed to the Instrument drawn by their Majesties' Attorney Generall, after the  
10 nominacion of Officers for the Members of the Corporacion, for the next establishment upon the antient foundation :

We, therefore, the Major, Aldermen and Councell, do Judge these persons following to be fitting Members for the *said* Establishment :

All the Anti-Surrenders that had right to office by the old  
15 Charter to be in the next Settlement. And, likewise, Joseph Turpin, Esquire, Major, John Hawkins, Alderman, Thomas Collin, Alderman, John Hides, Alderman, Stephen Garner, William Moore, Joseph James, William Burrowes, John Huthwaite, Roger Hawkesley, John White, senior, Thomas Cooke, William Stirropp, Thomas Hardmeat,  
20 John Ross, John Wingfield, Joseph Briggs, Samuel Watkinson, William Cockle, John Sherwin, William Greaves, James Huthwaite, Benjamin Green, William Orm, William Noon, Francis Armstrong, Isaack Dance, John Kitchin, Samuel Harris, Thomas James, Robert Lindly, George Frith, Richard Goodale [and] John Bush, senior.<sup>2</sup>

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3459, fo. 29.

1691-2, Saturday, February 6.

*Quære*, Whether any person shall be returned in the List for the Settling our Corporacion upon its antient and right Foundation but those that are Free of this Corporacion, by Birth or Servitude?

*Quære*, Whether the Major and all the Aldermen and Councell,  
30 Sherriffs and Chamberlains, shall be return'd on the *said* List?

It is this day Ordered, by Majority of Votes, That the Major and all the Aldermen and Councell, the Sherriffs and Chamberlains, shall be named and returned in the said List.

*Quære*, Whether the persons hereunder written shall be named

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, Athorpe.

<sup>2</sup> On the 5th February following, Messrs. Greaves, Trig, Salmon, Bennet,

Hoe, Hickling, and Smith, were ordered to be sent for to the Council.

in the *said* List, viz<sup>t</sup>: Master Stephen Garner, John Sherwin, Richard Goodale, John Bush, William Orm [and] William Baines?

Ordered, by Majority of Votes, That the *persons* abovesaid be named and sent up in the *said* List. *Ib.*, fo. 35.

1692, Tuesday, June 21.

Ordered that all *persons* who have leases of the Town, and ar' 5 obliged by their *Covenants* therein to grind at the Town-Mills which now *Mistris* Hall hath a lease of, do grind their Corn there, so long as they ar' justly and fairly used there. And if they, upon her complaint, refuse so to do, that the *Corporacion* compell them thereto, according to their *Covenants*. *Ib.*, fo. 61. 10

1692, Friday, July 1.

Ordered, That the Bellman give Notice, in the Major, Aldermen, and Counsell's name, to the Burgesses, that the Meadows be layd, by Reason of the late great Raines and floods that ensued thereon, for the space of Eleaven days now next ensuing, being for the publick Good and benefit of the *said* Burgesses; upon penalty of 15 iijs. iiijd. upon every offence herein.

1692, Friday, July 22.

*Quaere*, Whether Master Major shall have his Sallary of 40 li. allowed and paid to him?

Ordered, That Master Major's Sallary of forty pounds (by Majority of Votes), be allowed and paid to him. *Ib.*, fo. 65. 20

1692, Tuesday, December 6.

It is Ordered this day, That Master Gervas Rippon, Robert Wortley, and William Woolhouse, in *Saint Marye's* parish, Master Thomas Trigg, Ralph Bennet, and William Greaves, in *Saint Peter's* parish, and Master Richard Goodale, William Bilby, and John Scattergood, in *Saint Nicholas* parish, Be appointed Trustees of and 25 concerning the Rent charge given by Master Roger Maners, of Five pounds *per Annum*, to the poor of *Nottingham*, issuing out of Land in Milford.

This day Master Lawrence Athorpe was chosen and sworne Mayor's Towne Clerke by the choyce and agreement of the Mayor 30 and Councill, and subscribed the declaracion.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> He was sworn burgess on Thursday, March 30, 1693.

Ordered that John Peake, the Baker, Farmer of the Towne's Mills, doe stop the Water-course betwixt this old Leene and the old Leene below the Mills. And he appeared and craued tyme, *which* was granted. 3460, fo. 25.

1692, Monday, December 12.

5 <sup>1</sup>Whereas, complaint hath beene made vnto the Mayor and Common Councill of this towne, of diverse disorderly and extravagant practices *which* have beene committed by severall persons designeing vnduely to bringe themselues into the government of the said towne, by giveinge moneys to be spent att publike houses, 10 thereby to procure voates to be elected into offices, to the encouragement of drunkennes and disorder, And to the greate disturbance of the peace of the said towne, and in contempt of the Government thereof; Itt is, therefore, ordered, that to prevent such disorders for the future, Iff any person or persons shall at any tyme or tymes 15 hereafter, vpon good prooffe, be found committinge and vseinge such evill practices, The same person and persons shall be proceeded against as disturbers of their *Majestyes'* peace, and the peace and welfare of this Corporacion. And, in case any victualler, or publike house keeper, shall encourage theis evell practices, That their licences 20 shall be taken from them, itt beinge a plaine breach thereof.

*Ib.*, fo. 26.

1692, Monday, December 19.

Be itt remembred, that itt was this day ordered, *nemine contradicente*,<sup>2</sup> that the present Mayor shall haue the same allowance and salary of forty pounds *per Annum* as anciently paid to the Mayors 25 of the said towne by the Chamberlyns of the towne, and all other privillidges *which* the Mayors of the same towne haue anciently had and enjoyed. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1692, Thursday, December 29.

Itt is this day ordered, that Master Camfeild, minister of *Saint Mary's*, Master Simpson, minister of *Saint Nicholas*, and the minister 30 of *Saint Peter's* (when there is one setled there), shall haue twenty pounds a peice paid them yearly, to be paid quarterly; the first payment to be made at this present Christmas, and to be paid to the propper hands of the said Ministers, and not to any others; and this

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, iii., pp. 1043 4.

<sup>2</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

order's payment to continue or determine<sup>1</sup> at the pleasure of this Corporacion. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

1692-3, Friday, January 24.

Ordered that Master John Nevile, Master John Greaves, Master Samuell Watkinson, Master Alderman Collin, and what other persons they shall thenke fitt to take with them, be desired to gett subscrip-  
tions for the buying of a water-engine for the vse of the Inhabitants  
of this towne; and that Master Wilkins, of Leicester, and Master  
William Walker, of Edtaine,<sup>2</sup> be treated with for an engine, by them,  
or such who they shall thinke fitt. *Ib.*, fo. 39.

CLXVI.—*Bond by Abraham Grooby not to employ 'foreigners' in  
his business of 'Jersey Comber.'*

1693, February 5.

*Noverint universi per praesentes, me Abraham Grooby, de Villa et  
Comitatu Villae Nottinghamiae, Jarsey Comber, teneri et firmiter  
obligari Majori et Burgensibus Villae Nottinghamiae praedictae, in  
Centum Libris bonae et Legalis Monetae Angliae, Solvendis eisdem  
Majori et Burgensibus villae praedictae, aut Successoribus suis, aut suo  
certo Attornato, Executoribus, Administratoribus, sive Assignatis suis; 15  
ad quam quidem Solutionem bene et fideliter faciendam, obligo me,  
haeredes, Executores, et Administratores meos, firmiter per praesentes,  
Sigillo meo Sigillatas, datas quinto die Februarii, Anno Regni Domini  
et Dominae Willielmi tertij et Mariae Secundae, Dei gratia Angliae,  
Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Regis et Reginae, fidei defensorum, etc., 20  
quinto, Annoque Domini, 1693.*<sup>3</sup>

The Condicion of this present obligacion is Such, that Whereas  
the above-bound Abraham Grooby hath Lately Come to Settle and  
inhabitt within the Towne of Nottingham, by the Consent and

<sup>1</sup> 'determine,' end, terminate.

<sup>2</sup> So MS.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: Know all men by  
[these] presents, me Abraham Grooby, of  
the Town and County of the Town of  
Nottingham, Jersey-Comber, to be held  
and firmly bound to the Mayor and Bur-  
gesses of the Town of Nottingham afore-  
said, in one hundred Pounds of good and  
lawful money of England, to be paid to the  
same Mayor and Burgesses of the town afore-  
said, or to their successors, or their certain

Attorney, their executors, administrators  
or assigns; to the making of which pay-  
ment well and faithfully, I do bind myself,  
my heirs, executors and administrators,  
firmly by [these] presents, sealed with my  
Seal, dated the fifth day of February, in  
the fifth year of the Reign of Lord and  
Lady William the Third and Mary the  
Second, by the grace of God, of England,  
Scotland, France and Ireland King and  
Queen, Defenders of the Faith, etc., and  
in the year of the Lord, 1693.

aprobation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councell of the said Towne, to Settle and establish a Combing of woll, and Spining of Jarsey and Worsted, and Setting on worke and employing the poore of the said Towne in the said imployment; And Whereas the  
 5 said Abraham Grooby hath agreed and promised that he will Nott imploy, or Sett on worke, any foriner or Stranger in the said Towne; Iff, therefore, the said Abraham Grooby doe not, or shall [not], att any time or times hereafter, imploy or Sett on worke any foriner or stranger whatsoever within the said Towne, without the speciall  
 10 consent and Aprobation of the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Towne for the time beeing, or the Major part of them, that then this present obligation to be void and of None effect, or else the same to be and remaine in full force and vertue.

Sealed and Deliver'd

Abraham Grooby.

15 In the presence of Theodore Hosbrooke.  
 her

Mary x Ratcliffe, Servant to Mr. Mayor.  
 mark.

La. Athorpe.

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CLXVII.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1693, April 25.

Bee it remembred, that vpon the fīue and twentyeth day of Aprill, 1693, Master Joseph Briggs and Master John Wingfeild,  
 20 Schoole-Wardens for the yeare ended att Michaelmas 1692, did passe their Accompts att the Guildhall of the said Towne, for the Revenues belonging to the Free schoole for that yeare; And their Accompts were then allowed of and passed before and in the presence of William Greaves, *gentleman*, Mayor of the Towne of  
 25 Nottingham, and Thomas Trigg, Ralph Bennett, John Hoe, and Francis Salmon, *gentlemen*, Aldermen of the said Towne, John Greaves, *gentleman*, one of the Common Councell, and John Kitchin and William Barke, Chamberlaines; which Accompts are as followe:—  
 The Rentall of the Lands belonging to the said Free li. s. d.

30 Schoole, as by their booke for that purpose

appeareth . . . . .	056	14	06
The Tyth hay . . . . .	038	17	07
Arreares of rents received by them . . . . .	002	03	00

*Summa Totalis*<sup>1</sup> of the Charge . . . 97 15 01

<sup>1</sup> Totalis,] 'Tott,' MS.

The Discharge—				li.	s.	d.
paid the Schoole masters for their yearly payment	.	.	.	080	00	00
for the Rentall, and ingrossing the Accompts	.	.	.	000	06	00
for the rent of the house to the Chamberlayns	.	.	.	000	02	00
for Tollinge the Scholle's bell	.	.	.	000	04	00 5
for the Schoole Wardens' Fee	.	.	.	000	13	04
for John Ludlam, the pinder, for his assistance	.	.	.	000	10	00
for the Schoole Wardens' horses	.	.	.	001	00	00
for their necessary expenses	.	.	.	001	00	00
Arreares for London houses	.	.	.	000	19	01 10
Arreares for an acre of Land, late in Thomas						
Newcomb's possession	.	.	.	000	07	00
for glaseinge the Free schoole	.	.	.	001	01	01
for repaires of the Free schoole	.	.	.	001	02	00
<i>Summa Totalis</i> <sup>1</sup> discharge				087	04	06 15
Soe, to ballance this Accompt, their remanes to pay						
by the Schoole Wardens, <i>which</i> is ordered to						
Master Alderman Trigg	.	.	.	010	00	00
and the rest, beeing ten Shillings Six pence, <sup>2</sup> is to be						
paid to the Chamberlyns	.	.	.	000	10	06 20
						3460, fo. 49.

1693, May 5.

Att a meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councell, on the fifth day of May, 1693, itt is agreed that the most Reverend father in God, John, Arch Bishopp of Yorke, shall be attended att his visitacion by the Mayor, Aldermen, Coroners, Sherriffes, Common Councell and Chamberlyns, and such others who Master Mayor shall thinke fitt to take with them; and that the said Arch Bishopp shalbe presented by the Corporacion with a Banquett of about forty shillings vallue, and with three gallons of sacke, three gallons of Clarett, and three gallons of white wyne, att his Grace's comeing to the towne, att 30 his lodgeings.

*Per Laurentium Athorpe, Clericum Communis Concilii.*<sup>3</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 50.

<sup>1</sup> Totalis,] 'Tott,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> To balance the account, this should be ten shillings and sevenpence.

<sup>3</sup> Translation: 'By Laurence Athorpe, Clerk of the Common Council.' This is written in a much older court-hand than that of the minute.

1693, Thursday, May 18.

Ordered, that the Butter Crosse be repaired by the Chamberlyns, as *Master Mayor* shall direct.

Ordered, that such of the Councill as shall thinke fitt, to informe themselves of a fitt place for gathring the swyne together, instead of the place in the Swyne Greene, and giue their opinions therein the next<sup>1</sup> hall. *Ib.*, fo. 51.

The Question beeing putt, whether those persons who had parts vnduely allotted to them since the surrender of the old Charter, and till the restoreing of the same, shall enjoy there parts, or the same shall be taken from them, it was carryed that they shall be taken from them.<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 52.

1693, Thursday, August 10.

*Memorandum*, that this day *Master Mayor* brought in and delivered to the Councill a petition of *Master Benjamin Cawfeild*, the present Viccar of *Saint Maryes*, praying to haue forty fve pounds, alledged to be due to him for nine quarterly payments in the tyme of *Master Harvey*, *Master Hawkins*, and *Master Turpin*, in the vi. severall pretended Mayoraltyes in the late pretended Corporacion, wherein is mencioned that the same Sallary was and hath beene customarily paid; which the Mayor and Aldermen and Councill doe object against, the said Sallary beeing only paid by the Corporacion according to their pleasure, and as they see Cause and equity. And they will take the payment thereof into their further consideracion.

Bee it remembred, that this day the Six Toames containeing Six books, called Polly glotts,<sup>3</sup> were delivered to *Master Nathan Drake*, present Rector of *Saint Peter's* in Nottingham, to be by him vsed for the tyme he shall continue in the said Rectory; and, vpon his departure from thence, to be redelivered to the Mayor of this Corporacion for the tyme beeing, and to be vsed with care.<sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 65.

1693, Thursday, November 2.

Ordered, that the Aldermen and Common Councill shall attend

<sup>1</sup> 'next' repeated in MS.

<sup>2</sup> Eighteen voted for 'taking away' the Burgess parts, and one only, Mr. William Woolhouse, 'to the contrary.'

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, polyglots.

<sup>4</sup> The signature 'Nathan Drake, Rector,' is appended to this entry.

before *Master* Mayor for the tyme beeing, vpon the proclameing of proclamacions, in their gownes, and vpon every hall day, vpon due and accustomed *Summons*, or except they haue licence or other reasonable excuse; vpon paine to forfeite for every defalt and non-appearance on every hall-day, xijd., and on every proclamacion, vjd. 5

<sup>1</sup>The question beeing putt whether itt may be for the Advantage of the Corporacion to haue the water brought into the Towne by pipes for the service of the Inhabitants or not, The Votes even; ten and ten. 3461, fo. 13.

1693, Tuesday, November 7.

Ordered that what moneys shalbe gott by fines for not appearing at the Councell shalbe disposed of to buy bucketts for the vse of the Corporacion, and the like for not appearing at makeinge procla[ma]cions. 10

Ordered that *Master* Mayor and his brethren, *Master* Joseph Briggs, *Master* John Wingfeild, *Master* John Greaves, *Master* Thomas 15 Lovett, and soe many more of the Councell as can assist therein, doe treat with *Master* Benjamine Greene in order to setle a woollen manufacture, pursuant to proposulls *Master* Greene hath made to the Corporacion, and to meete to-morrow in the Afternoone at 3 of the Clocke att *Master* Hickling's. *Ib.*, fo. 14. 20

1693, December 19.

This day John Johnson was discharged from vseinge the Trade of a Sadler within the Towne of Nottingham, not beeing a Freeman. *Ib.*, fo. 19.

1693-4, Friday, January 13.

Ordered that *Master* Carrell, Viccarr of *Saint* Marye's, haue his quarteridge paid him, which hath beene paid to his predecessors, 25 dureinge the pleasure of this Corporacion, to witt, 5 li. quarterly.

*Ib.*, fo. 20.

1693-4, Thursday, February 22.

<sup>2</sup>Ordered that *Master* Alderman Bennett, *Master* Alderman Salmon, *Master* Samuell Smyth, *Master* Armstrong, *Master* Joseph Briggs, *Master* John Wingfeild, *Master* William Woolhouse, *Master* 30 John Bush, *Master* William Greaves, *Master* Thomas Cooke, *Master* John Onwyne, and the tw[o] Chamberlyns to view the Neare and

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, iii., 1044.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey under wrong date of 1693, iii., 1044.

Farre Coppice, and to take an exact accompt of what woods and trees there are now standing and growinge in the said Coppice, in order to the preservation of them for the future.<sup>1</sup>

Ordered that the Bridgemasters doe take care and order for the  
5 preservatione the Over Trent Close from the prejudice<sup>2</sup> that the Trent  
hath done to the same, and for the preservation of the Trent Bridges ;  
and that they provide materyalls for that purpose, As well as they  
can, and imploy workemen for that purpose. And in case of want  
of money, to be supplied by the Cham[berlyns]. *Ib.*, fo. 24.

10 <sup>3</sup>Bee itt remembred, That the Severall persons mencioned in the  
order for the viewinge of the Coppice did view the same ; And they  
haue reported that there are now in the Neare Coppice Seaven  
hundred fifty fve younge Oakes, twenty old oakes, and three and  
forty Ashes,<sup>4</sup> And that there are in the Farre Coppice Eight hundred  
15 Sixty eight young Oakes, foure old Oakes, and Seaven Ashes, which  
are to be preserved, etc.<sup>5</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 25.

1694, Tuesday, May 8.

Itt is this Day ordered, by the Vnanimous Consent of Master  
Mayor and his Brethren and the Councell of the said Towne, That a  
Banquett to the Value of Fourty Shillings and no more, and also  
20 3 gallons of Canary, 3 Gallons of White wine, and 3 Gallons of  
Clarett, and 2 Sugar Loaves be presented by this Corporacion to the  
Right Honourable, the Earle of Rutland, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 27.

1694, Friday, August 3.

Ordered that Master Handley's Almshouses bee viewed by  
Master Alderman Drury, Master Joseph Briggs, Master John Wing-  
25 feild, and the Two Chamberlaines, concerning the repaires thereof, in  
order that they may be repaired ; And that they view the house now  
buildinge by Sarah Champian in the Smythy Rowe, and to report  
their opinion concerning the encroachment in that buildinge, at the  
next hall. *Ib.*, fo. 38.

1694, Tuesday, September 4.

30 Bee itt rem[em]bred that this day Master Mayor received of the

<sup>1</sup> Richard Hill, Joiner, was appointed  
and sworn Woodward for the Coppice on  
the same day.

<sup>2</sup> detriment or injury.

<sup>3</sup> Noticed in Bailey, iii., 1044.

<sup>4</sup> Bailey has '775 young oaks, 20 old  
oaks, and 40 ash trees.'

<sup>5</sup> Bailey adds 'total 1714 trees;' but  
the true total is 1697.

Fine money<sup>1</sup> one pound seaventeene Shillings and Six pence, *which Master Mayor laid out for twelue bucketts and carryage for the vse of the Corporacìon.* *Ib.*, fo. 45.

1694, September 24.

Ordered that *Master John Rose* pay yearely to the Chamberlyns of this towne, at Lady Day, for ever, Six pence for an Incroachment <sup>5</sup> of a Cant<sup>2</sup>-window in Castle Gate in *Nottingham*, beeing the Corner house wherein *William Johnson* now liveth; and he from henceforth to be freed from all presentments for the future for the same; this order beeing made vpon view by order of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councell, and to be put into the Chamberlyns' booke. *Ib.*, fo. 46. 10

CLXVIII.—*Receipt from the Mayor of Warwick and others, for Amount collected in Nottingham for Relief of Sufferers by Fire in Warwick.*<sup>3</sup>

1694, October 17.

Received from Notingham by the hands [of] <i>Master Alderman Salmon, Master Benjamin Greene, and Master Tobyas Wildbore and Master George Ricketts</i> , the Summe of One Hundred Thirty-two pounds, three shillings, one penny, Collected in their Towne towards the Releif of the Poore Sufferers in Warwick, by a Late dreadfull Fire there; Wee say, Received for ye vse abouesaid by vs . . . . .	}	li.   s.   d. 132   3   1   15
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*Joseph Blissett, Mayor.*   20  
*Wm. Carver.*  
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<sup>1</sup> For non-attendance at the meetings: see *ante*.

<sup>2</sup> cant = jutting, inclining, or corner.

<sup>3</sup> More than one half of Warwick was destroyed in 1694 by fire, including (with the exception of the chancel, the Beauchamp chapel, and the chapter house), the collegiate church of St. Mary. In a few years afterwards the town was rebuilt,

in consequence of a national contribution amounting to £11,000, of which £1,000 was bestowed by Queen Anne. William III. visited the scene of the catastrophe in 1695. The receipt is noticed in Bailey, iii., 1048, who also mentions 'a letter of thanks from the Mayor of Warwick,' which, however, is not extant.

CLXIX.—*Minutes of the Common Council.*

1694, Tuesday, October 23.

Master Alderman Salmon brought in a receipt from the Mayor of Warwick for 132 li. 3s. 1d., collected for the releife of the poore people of Warwicke who suffered by fyre there, both *which* receipts<sup>1</sup> are vpon a fyle in the hall.

- 5 Ordered that Master Alderman Trigg pay Master John Rosse 9 li. 15s. due to him by a bill for worke done about the Butter Crosse, out of Master Ward's money. 3462, fo. 9.

1694, November 27.

*Memorandum*, that Master William Bilby, Master John Wingfeild, and Master John Greaves did this day report to this house, That  
10 vpon their view in the Neare Coppice, they found two younge Oake Trees Cutt vp, and ten other trees Cropt; and they are in feare the same was done by the order of Master Sherwyn and Master Metcalf, or their Agents or Servants. *Ib.*, fo. 12.

1694-5, January 9.

- Ordered that Edward Wright, the skavenger, haue his old Sallary  
15 of Eleaven pounds by the yeare till Candlemas next, and is to carry away the Manure and Dirt *against* the Markett Wall; and after that tyme, every one to Clense their owne doores from Chappell Barre to the Markett Wall, and he only to haue, after Candlemas, Eight pounds *per Annum* till further order. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1694-5, January 22.

- 20 Ordered that from henceforth, noe person or apprentice shalbe made free of this Towne, except their Indentures be inrolled before Master Mayor and Councell for the tyme beeing, payinge 2d. for inrollement; and that all those who haue apprentices, doe take care to haue their Indentures Inrolled; and that all Companyes and free-  
25 men who take apprentices haue notice of this order. *Ib.*, fo. 17 a.

1694-5, Monday, February 11.

<sup>2</sup>*Memorandum*, that this day vpon the producing a Letter from Master Charles Hutchinson and Master Slater, this Corporacion's Representatives in Parlyament, that they thought itt convenient that

<sup>1</sup> The other receipt referred to is mentioned in the preceding minute in the Hall-book; it was for interest on the Coventry money. <sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1048.

this Corporacion ought to Adresse his Majestye, to condole his Majesty vpon the death of the Queene, and to assure his Majestye of the fidelity and Loyalty of this Corporacion to his Majesty: And the question beeing putt, whether this Corporacion should make such Adresse to his Majesty, itt was carryed and agreed vnto, *nemine* 5 *contradicente*, that such Adresse should be presented to his Majesty, which Adresse is as followeth, *videlicet* :—

‘To the King’s most Excellent Majesty.

‘The humble Adresse of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Towne and County of the Towne of Nottingham’<sup>1</sup> . . . which 10 Adresse is to be carryed vp by Master Robert Harryson, one of the Chamberlyns of the Towne of Nottingham, and to be by him delivered to Master Hutchinson and Master Slater, this Corporacion’s Representatives in Parlyament, and by them to be presented to his Majesty, together with Master Mayor, etc. *Ib.*, fos. 19-20 a. 15

1695, April 2.

The question beeing putt, whether any allowance shall be made to the house-keepers in the Chappell Barre towards Clensing that streete, by the Corporacion, or nott, itt was carryed in the negative.

*Ib.*, fo. 23.

1695, Friday, April 12.

*Memorandum*, that Master Alderman Salmon, Master Stirropp, 20 Master Goodall, Master Metham and the Chamberlyns did this day Report their Opinions to this House touching severall Houses neare the Chappell Barre which they were ordered to view, and they doe say that Robert Rippon’s house is 12 yards in the Front, 8 Yards backwards, and 10 yards the Garden; Joseph Sandsby’s House 25 9 yards the Front, 7 yards backwards, and 16 yards the Garden; William Hoe’s House 12 yards breadth, and 20 yards the Length; and Thomas Hawksley’s House 20 yards in the Front, and 30 yards backwards. *Ib.*, fo. 23 a.

1695, Monday, May 20.

The question beeing put, whether the Meadows shall be laid for 30 a fortnight<sup>2</sup> after Midsommer day or noe,<sup>3</sup> itt was carryed in the

<sup>1</sup> A blank space of more than two pages is left in the Council-book for the entry of the remainder of the address, which was never copied,

<sup>2</sup> *fortnight*,] ‘fortnight,’ MS.

<sup>3</sup> ‘and’ is here unnecessarily inserted in the MS.

affirmative ; and that whoever shall putt in any goods to common at Large within that tyme, they<sup>1</sup> to be impounded. *Ib.*, fo. 26 a.

1695, Friday, August 9.

The Question being putt, Whether those that have Common in the Fields shall putt therein 6 Cattell or more, itt was Carried by the Majority of Votes that they shall putt in 6 Cattell, and noe more, to Common there.

And the Question being likewise putt, what Fine every one shall pay for every such Offence of their Overcharging the Common aforesaid, itt was carried by the Majority of Votes, And itt is hereby Ordered by this House, That all those persons who shall putt above the Number of 6 Cattell into the Fields to Common there, shall forfeite for every beaste above that Number so putt in, for every time they shall so offend, the summe of Three shillings and fourepence to the use of this Corporacion ; and that this Order be published by ye Bellman. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

Whereas severall persons heretofore have putt into the Fields and Meadows diverse Scabb'd and diseased Horses, to the great Damage and Detriment of the rest of the Commoners there, by Infecting their Cattell with dangerous and Incurable diseases : For remedy whereof<sup>2</sup> itt is this day ordered by this House, that every person that shall henceforth putt into the said Fields or Meadows any such Scabb'd or diseased Horses which shall be Infectious to the other Cattell feeding and Commoning there, shall forfeit for every such Horse so putt in, every time they shall offend, the summe of Five Shillings, to be paid to the Chamberlyns for the time being for the use of this Corporacion ; And this Order to be published by the Common Cryer. *Ib.*, fo. 31 a.

1695, Tuesday, October 7.

Memorandum, itt is this day ordered that William Finne shall haue foure pounds, ten shillings, paid him yearly by the Chamberlyns, for Clenseinge the pavement att the Bridge-end, and scouring two issues there : to be paid quarterly, to witt, att Christmas, Lady-day, and Midsommer and Michaelmas. 3463, fo. 5.

1695, November 2.

<sup>3</sup>Ordered that His Majestye<sup>4</sup> be mett<sup>5</sup> and attended att the out-

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, the 'goods' or cattle.

<sup>4</sup> *Majestye*,] 'Ma'tyes,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> 'whereof' here=thereof.

<sup>5</sup> On the occasion of his visit to Nottingham.

<sup>3</sup> This order is noticed in Bailey (iii., 1049), under wrong date of Nov. 22nd.

most parts of this Towne, and soe to be conducted into the Towne on horsebacke. To present his Majesty with a purse and 100 guineys, which are now at 30s. a guiney; that a Speech be made to his Majesty by the Towne Clarke, and that his Majesty shall likewise be presented with a banquet and Wyne, to the vallue of 40 li., at the 5  
 'New Inne' or 'White Lyon;' and That [Master] Alderman Salmon, Master Alderman Lealand, Master Wingfeild, Master Briggs, and Master Woolhouse assist the Chamberlyns in this matter; That Master Alderman Trigg and Master Coroner Greaves Take care of the banquet. *Ib.*, fo. 6 a. 10

1695, Thursday, November 21.

Ordered by this House, That all Persons who shall henceforth be made Burgesses shall bring along with them a Certificate of their severall Ages for the satisfaccion of this House, and that they who shall not bring their Certificates accordingly shall be refused being made Burgesses till they bring in their said Certificates, or doe other- 15  
 wise satisfie this House thereof.

Ordered that all persons of the Common Councill who, being duely summoned, shall Neglect to give their appearances in their Gownes att the Common Halls, and att Proclamacions, shall forfeit for every Default the Summe of Twelve pence for not Coming to the 20  
 Hall, and Six pence for not appearing att Proclamacions, to be Levyed by Distresse and Sale of the Partyc's Goods soe making Default, by Warrant under the Hand and Scale of Master Mayor; which Moneys are to be Employed for the use of this Corporacion: Provided that the persons abovesaid have noe Licence from Master 25  
 Mayor. *Ib.*, fo. 7 a.

1695, Wednesday, December 11.

Ordered that Master Mayor bringe the late Sheriffe's Staffe, and Master Samuell Smyth doe bring into this Hall the next Hall-day the silver heads, to be disposed of as this hall shall direct.

*Ib.*, fo. 8. 30

1695, Monday, December 16.

<sup>1</sup>Ordered that Master Alderman Trigge, Master Alderman Salmon, Master William Stirropp, Master George Frith, Master Joseph Cooke, Together with Master John Nevile, Master John Huthwaite, Master Abraham Metcalf, and such other of the Councill

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1050.

as shall please, and Burgesses as *Master* Mayor shall thinke [fitt] to send for, doe meete att *Mis*tris Johnson's, at fve a Clocke to-morrow in the eveninge, to consult and draw vp reasons to be presented to the Parlyament against the passinge of a Bill for makinge the River  
 5 Darwen<sup>1</sup> Navigable to Darby: And that *Master* Deputy be consulted therein. *Ib.*, fo. 9.

1695-6, Monday, January 20.

<sup>2</sup>Whereas there has beene severall proceedings in the Honorable House of Commons touching the making the River Darwent, from the River Trent up to Darby, Navigable, which, if itt take Effect,  
 10 will be very prejudiciall to this Towne of Nottingham; And Whereas the same cannot be sett aside without great Care and Charges in Feeing Councill, etc., The Tradesmen and other Inhabitants have proposed to Contribute a Third part of what shall be Laid out in obstructing the *said* Proceedings: Itt is this day Ordered by the  
 15 Majority of Votes of this House, that if the *said* Tradesmen and Inhabitants will disburse one halfe of the *said* Charge, this Corporation will disburse the other Halfe. *Ib.*, fo. 11.

1695-6, Thursday, March 19.

*Memorandum*, Thatt itt is this day agreed by *Master* Mayor, his brethren and the Common Councell now present, that an humble  
 20 Adresse bee made to his Majesty, congratulateing his happy deliverance from the horridd plott contrived against the person of his sacred Majesty; And to enter into an Association agreed vpon by the honorable house of Commons. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1696, Thursday, July 30.

[*Memorandum*], That there beeing one *Master* Hand and others  
 25 who hath made proposicions in order to procure Water to be brought into the Towne by pipes, etc., And the question beeing put whether there shalbe Water brought in by pipes, ytt was carried in the affirmative. *Ib.*, fo. 21.

1696, Monday, August 17.

The question beeing putt, whether a Towne's Man or a Forraigner  
 30 shall vndertake the bringing of Water by pipes, etc., itt was carryed that a Townseman, *nemine contradicente*.<sup>3</sup> And the question beeing

<sup>1</sup> Darwen = Derwent.

<sup>2</sup> Alluded to in Bailey, iii., 1050.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

putt whether Master Rosse shall vndertake itt or noe, itt was carryed that Master Rosse doe vndertake the worke, and haue the first refusall before any other person ; and this to be resolued at the next hall.

*Ib.*, fo. 22 a.

1696, Friday, August 28.

The question beeing putt, whether Master Rosse shall vndertake the Water-works in Nottingham vpon the proposicions he hath made, they beeing more reasonable then any others hitherto made, itt was carryed in the affirmative by the Majority of Votes, three only dissentinge.

*Ib.*, fo. 23 a.

1696, Friday, September 11.

*Memorandum*, that this day a draught of a Lease (pervsed by 10 Master Deputy Recorder), to Master John Rosse, Master Benjamin Greene, and Samuell Watkinson, from this Corporacion, about the water works, was read and agreed vnto by the house, and ordered to be ingrossed : And that Master Alderman Salmon, Master Sherriffe Briggs, and Master John Wingfield, with the Chamberlyns, doe view 15 and sett out the ground at the end of Saint James' Lane where the designed Cisterne is to be made and erected, etc.

The question beeing putt, whether the incroachment made on the backside by Master John Rickards by two poarches be sold him, or that he pay a yearly rent, and what rent, itt was, *nemine contradicente*,<sup>1</sup> 20 to be at xijd. rent : respited, etc.

*Ib.*, fo. 24.

1696, Friday, September 18.

*Memorandum*, that this day Master Mayor sealed a Lease of the watercorne Mills on the Leene, and other things, to Master John Rosse, Master Benjamine Greene, and Master Samuell Watkinson, for ninety-nine yeares, to commence at Lady day Next, at fieve pounds 25 *per Annum*, payable Michaelmas and Lady Day : And this in order to erecte and make water-works to serue the Inhabitants with water from the River of Leene by pipes, etc. And the same day they Sealed a Counterpart of the said Lease : *provt*<sup>2</sup> the Lease.

1696, Friday, September 25.

Ordered, that the King's proclamacions for the future shalbe pro- 30 claimed by the Mayor and Sheriffes' officers without the attendance of the Mayor and Councill, Except vpon extraordinary proclama-

<sup>1</sup> *Translation* : no one contradicting.

<sup>2</sup> '*p·ovt*' = *prout* ; as, like as.

cions, when the Mayor shall thinke fitt to attend at such proclamacions, and shall require the Aldermen and Common Councell to attend him, he givinge them due Summons for such their attendance. And in case any of the Aldermen or Councell shall neglect or refuse  
5 to attend Master Mayor vpon due Summons, vpon proclameing such proclamacions, then every person soe neglecting to attend shall forfeite the summe of six pence for the vse of the Corporacion.

*Ib.*, fos. 26-26 a.

1696, Tuesday, October 6.

Ordered that the Bellman doe giue notice by Cryeing, etc., that  
10 all persons who haue stalls against the Markett Wall<sup>1</sup> remove the same to some place convenient, or otherwise they will be presented.

3464, fo. 5.

1696, Friday, November 6.

*Memorandum*, that this day, vpon the Mocion of Master Samuell Watkinson, one of the vndertakers of the water-works, that a tyme  
15 may be appointed for the Corporacion and other persons to come into, to subscribe for Shares in the said workes, itt is concluded and agreed that Christmas next be the furthest tyme for subscribers to subscribe for the Shares in the said workes, and noe longer, etc., according to the proposalls, etc.

3464, fo. 6 a.

1696, Tuesday, December 1.

20 <sup>2</sup>The question beeing putt, whether the house of Commons bee petitioned relateinge to the Bill about Eleccion of Parlyament men for the Countyes, Cittyes, and Burrowes, and that the Electors may haue freedome of Eleccions according to their ancient freedome and Libertyes, itt was carryed in the affirmative, *nemine contradicente*,  
25 and that the house of Commons be petitioned accordingly. Master Mayor, Master Alderman Trigge, Master Alderman Lealand, Master William Greaves, Master William Briggs, Master John Wingfield, and as many more shall attend.

*Ib.*, fo. 7 a.

1697, Friday, April 23.

Ordered, That the Tyth-hay belonging to the Free-Schoole be  
30 lett by Lease the next hall-day to the best chapman,<sup>3</sup> and that the Bellman doe crye the same.

*Ib.*, fo. 13.

<sup>1</sup> The superfluous words 'that they' here follow in the MS.

<sup>2</sup> Noticed in Bailey, iii., 1052.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, bidder. Dr. Johnson defines a chapman as 'one that offers as a purchaser.'

1697, Thursday, May 20.

Ordered, that *Master Moakes*, *Booke-Seller*, and *Master Dennis-thorpe*, a pretended Apothecary, be discharged from vseing their severall trades within the Towne of *Nottingham*, by *Master Mayor's* officers.

*Ib.*, fo. 14.

1697, Friday, May 28.

Agreed this day, that *Master Joseph Briggs* and *Master John Wingfeild* shall haue a Lease of the Tythe hay, belonging to the Free schoole, at 40 li. *per Annum*, payable 14 dayes after *Lammas*; To enter as at Mayday last, for 7 yeares, and not to exceed 2s. an acre, composicion, in the best feilds and meadowes: And to take the Tyth in kinde of such who shall refuse to pay: composicion not to exceed 8d. per acre in the said feilds and Meadowes.

*Ib.*, fo. 14 a.

1697, Friday, July 9.

Whereas itt hath beene found by dayly experience that the keeping and placeinge of Gosse-hovells, Gosse-stacks, and other Com-bustable matter, by Bakers and others, in the Towne of *Nottingham*, is of very greate hassard and danger to all the Inhabitants of the said Towne, And by reason whereof there hath beene lately two very dangerous Fires which might haue hassar[d]ed and endangered the fireinge of the wholl Towne: to prevent which hassards and dangers for the future, Itt is, therefore, ordered, this present day, by *Master Mayor* and the Councell, That noe Gosse-hovell or stacke shall be from henceforth suffered or permitted to be, stand erected, or kept by any person or persons whatsoever within the said Towne, butt that the Bakers and others who shall haue occation (*sic*) for keeping, haueing and makeing of Gosse-hovells and stacks for the future, shall haue convenient places assigned for them for the erect- ing, setting and placeing of Gosse-hovells and kidd<sup>1</sup> stacks by *Master Mayor* and the Councell in the outplaces and parts of the said Towne. And in case any person or persons shall presume to keepe, erect, or continue any Gosse-hovell, kidd<sup>1</sup> stacke, or other com-bustible<sup>2</sup> matter contrary to this order, they shall be proceed[ed] against according to Law; And they who haue such Stacks, etc., to haue a monthe's tyme for removeing thereof. And that noe Baker

<sup>1</sup> *kidd*, a bundle more generally of heath or furze than of wood, as below; *cidwelen*, Welsh, a faggot; 'and' is repeated in MS. before 'kidd.'

<sup>2</sup> combustible,] 'combustle,' MS.

shall keepe in or neare his Bakehouse any Gosse or wood kidds, or other Combustable matter, att one tyme, aboute the quantitie of twenty Gosse or wood kidds and noe more. Master Mayor, Master Alderman Hoe, Master Alderman Greaves, Master Briggs, Master  
 5 Hardmett, Master Bilby, senior, Master Wingfeild to sett oute places, etc. *Ib.*, fos. 16-16 a.

*Memorandum*, Itt is this day ordered that those who haue Burges parts in East Croft, shall forthwith mowe and Cutt the grasse on the Burges parts; And for the future they are to mowe and cutt the  
 10 same within fourteene dayes next after Midsommer day yearly, according to the Ancient Custome. And if they refuse soe to doe, that then they shall pay the old rent for their Burges parts, and not haue any abatement of their six shillings and eight pence which they haue abated them. *Ib.*, fo. 16 a.

1697, Wednesday, August 18.

15 *School*: *Memorandum*, That this day Master Griffith, the schoole-Master, appeared vpon summons, and beeing charged for neglecting the schoole, whereby the schoole is much decayed in itt reputacion; he did then promise that he would not preach, or take vpon him any pastorall office or care, and desired that Master Carrill, Master Drake,  
 20 and Master Simpson may examine the schollers of the Free-schoole as to their learning, and the Method of his teaching (*sic*), which is agreed to be done the weeke after Michaelmas next.

*Memorandum*, That this day Master Abraham Grooby appeared vpon Summons, and vpon debate concerning his keeping a Spinning  
 25 Schoole for Wooll and Jersey, and teachinge of poore Children, itt is ordered and agreed that the Sallary of 20 li. *per Annum*, and the six pounds for his house rent, be suspended, and taken off from Lammas last. And that he pay whatt of the 50 li. lent him by the Corporacion is remaininge in his hand vpon Accompt, att Candlemas next.  
 30 And then itt to be left to the Corporacion what they shall think fitt to allowe him for this ensuing halfe yeare from Lammas last, and he to retorne the wheelles, with the materyalls, to the Corporacion.

*Ib.*, fo. 20.

1697, Thursday, September 16.

*Memorandum*, that this day Master Jacob Tibson paid into the  
 35 Chamberlains' hands ye summe of 5 li. which, with the 15 li. received last hall-day of Master Daniell Tibson, make vp 20 li., which summe

was given to the Corporacion for the use of 20 poor Widdows of Saint Nicholas' Parish, to be paid by 20s. yearly to ye Overseers of ye poor of ye *said* Parish, and by them distributed for ye use afore-said; and itt is hereby ordered that this shall be entred into the Chamberlains' Book as an Annuall Charge upon them, to pay ye same to ye *said* Overseers. *Ib.*, fo. 22.

1697, Wednesday, September 22.

Ordered, that the Bridge-Masters doe pay vnto Master Benjamine Greene and Master Samuell Watkinson, fifty pounds, which shall be allowed in their Accompts, itt beeing part of the moneys the Mayor and Burgesses are to pay vnto them for the foure parts or shares of 10 the water-works in the Towne of Nottingham purchased of them.

*Ib.*, fo. 23.

1697, October 22.

<sup>1</sup>The Question beeing putt [if] itt be for the profit of the Corporacion to haue a Towne's husband<sup>2</sup> or nott, and who, it was carried in the affirmative, and that George Wallis, the old officer, be continued.

Ordered that Francis Stephens, the Mowdy Warpe, or Mole Katcher, be discharged as a vselesse officer, *and that every person pay for the moles taken in his owne ground.*<sup>3</sup>

Memorandum, that itt is this day agreed that Mistris Cooper, of 20 London, be writt to in answer to a Letter received from her about the Free-school houses in London, and that betwixt this and Lady day next, some person will come to London who will haue direccions to treat with her from this Corporacion: the houses are in 'flower-de-Luce' Lane.

3465, fo. 6. 25

Itt is this day ordered that his Majestyc's proclamacion for peace shall be proclaimed with the vsuall Ensignes of Loyalty to the Kinge, and Master Mayor to be attended by the Aldermen, Coroners, Sherriffes, Common Councell men, Clotheinge, and the officers of the Towne, att the proclameing thereof; And what is further to be done after the proclamacion to be left to the discreation of Master Mayor and his brethren.

*Ib.*, fo. 6 a.

<sup>1</sup> Noticed in Bailey, vol. iii., p. 1053.

<sup>2</sup> Husband = economist. See Bailey for a full explanation of the office.

<sup>3</sup> The italicised words are underscored in the MS.

1697-8, Friday, January 28.

Itt is this day Agreed, *nemine contradicente*,<sup>1</sup> that Master Mayor that now is, and his successors, shall haue twelue pounds<sup>2</sup> allowed him, and to be paid by the Chamberlyns quarterly, in order the better to enable him to entertaine the minister who preaches the Lecture-  
5 Sermon every Wednesday weekly; the first quarterly payment to be made att Lady Day next. *Ib.*, fo. 12.

Whereas itt hath beene found very inconvenient in Lendinge the Towne's pewter and plate, itt is therefore agreed and ordered that the said pewter and plate shall not be from henceforth lent to any  
10 person or persons whatsoever, except att the publike Feasts of the Mayor, Sherriffes, Midletorne Juryes, and other publike Feasts vpon the Corporacion's accompt. *Ib.*, fo. 13 a.

1697-8, Tuesday, February 8.

Ordered, that the house at *Saint Anne Well* late in the possession of Widdow Stanorie, be made with the same Covenants the old Lease  
15 was made, and thatt he<sup>3</sup> haue Liberty to sett vp a windall for haileing of boates, at the pleasure of the Corporacion, doeing noe damage to the Corporacion, and that he doe nott cutt any Ash trees; and to pay 5 li. an acre for every acre he shall plow there without the Leave and consent of the Corporacion.

1698, Thursday, April 13.<sup>4</sup>

Ordered that specyall care shalbee taken to prosecute and sup-  
presse all forrainers from and for vseing any trade within the said Towne, and alsoe all others who shall vse any Trade in the said town vnto *which* they haue not served as an Apprentice (*sic*) within  
25 Towne. And that a convenient number of persons in every ward shall be appointed to gett what contribucions they can for that purpose. *Ib.*, fo. 20.

1698, Thursday, May 26.

The question being putt, whether or no Grasse in the Meadows shall stand and be uncutt for a Week after Midsummer by reason of

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

<sup>2</sup> This was increased to £20 by an order of the 13th April following, and the first quarterly payment was to be made at Midsummer.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, the lessee.

<sup>4</sup> '*Die Jovis, quarto decimo die Aprilis*,' MS. (Thursday, the *fourteenth* day of April.) Thursday was, however, the thirteenth.

the backwardnesse of the Spring, and whether or no the Burgesses shall be stinted in putting in their Cattell into the same, and how many shall be their stint, itt was carryed in the affirmative by the Majority of Votes, And is hereby ordered that the Grasse in ye *said* Meadows shall stand for a week after Midsummer day ; And that the Burgesses shall putt into the *said* Meadows three Cattell apiece and no more ; upon pain of every one offending *against* this present Order to forfeit the summe of 3s. and 4d. for every horse or beast so putt in, contrary to the tenor thereof ; and that ye Cryer do publishe this present Order, that ye Burgesses and Landholders may take Notice thereof.

*Ib.*, fos. 22-23.

1698, Friday, August 5.

The question beeing putt, whether the Butter-Crosse shalbe removed, itt was agreed, *nemine contradicente*, that itt be removed, and Master Chamberlyn Frith agreed to remove and finish itt for fve pounds. Master Mayor, Master Alderman Salmon, Alderman Watkinson, Master Briggs, Master Berne, Master Reynolds, and as many more as shall thinke fitt.

*Ib.*, fo. 26.

1698, Tuesday, August 30.

Bee itt remembred, that itt is this day Agreed and concluded vpon by Master Mayor and the Common Councill, *nemine contradicente*, that all the boates and vessells comeinge from Sawley and Wilne, in the County of Derby, be stopped att the Trent Bridges from passinge the River Trent, the said River of Trent beeing Navigable noe further then the Trent Bridges. And itt is further ordered, that the Arches of the said Trent Bridges shalbe chayned and stopped vp, to prevent the passinge of the said Boates. And that what charges of Law and suites shall happen to be brought and expended in and aboute the said stoppage and chayneinge vp of the said Arches, and the hinderinge of the passages of the *said* Boates, shalbe borne att the charges of this Corporation. And that younge Master Francis Ward, Master John Best, and George Wallis, the Towne's husband, are to take notice of such persons who mannage the *said* boates and vessells, and who hayle the same, and of their names, in order to *prosecute* them for their trespassinge vpon the Towne's ground.<sup>1</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 30.

<sup>1</sup> An agreement was entered into, on the 13th September following, with the Derby men, to bring a suit-at-law to trial,

they giving acknowledgment to the Corporation, and the boats to pass through the bridge till the trial.

The question beeing putt, whether the Clay and Sandfeilds shall be stinted as to the stinte of Sheepe, and what stinte shall be made in the said feilds, itt was carried, *nemine contradicente*,<sup>1</sup> that the stinte of sheepe in the said feilds shall be reduced to forty ; And all persons  
5 are to take notice thereof ; And the Bellman is [to] Crye the same, and no person is to haue Common or pasture for any more sheepe in the said feilds ; vpon penalty of forfeitinge for every sheepe over and aboue that number, foure pence, to be paid to the Chamberlyns of the Towne for the tyme beeing, for the vse of the Corporacion ; to be  
10 levied by distresse, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 31.

1698, Friday, September 23.

*Memorandum*, that this day Master Alderman Greaves brought into the hall a certaine by-Law or Order of Councell, allowed and approved of by Judge Turton att the last Assizes, in order to be entred into the Leager-booke, against Forraignors vseinge Trades  
15 within this Towne against the Custome of this Towne, *which* order is lodged in the Coventry-box with the Coventry bonds. *Ib.*, fo. 34.

1698, Monday, October 10.

Ordred that Francis Salmon, Alderman, Thomas Collin, Alderman, Master Joseph Briggs, Master Francis Armstrong, and Master John Reynolds doe Veiw and measure a parcell of Ground, neare  
20 the markett-wall, in order to retorne answer to several gentlemen about their proposalls of Building a County-hall, and that they, with Master Mayor, doe treat with them about the same.

Ordred, that the Sheriffs' officer or officers att the Lower end of the Towne doe take the Sheriffs' tolls at the Trent Bridges as  
25 Usuell, and not att the Leen Bridges, and that the Sherriffs be acquainted herewith. 3466, fo. 5.

1698, Tuesday, November 22.

Ordered, that in Case Darby men shall endeavour to make the River Darwen Navigable, the same shall be opposed by this Corporacion.<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 8.

30 Itt is this day agreed, if any person or persons, Members of this

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: no one gainsaying.

<sup>2</sup> A petition was sealed on the 1st February following, to be sent to the House of Commons, against a bill for making the Derwent navigable, and an order of

Council was made that Chesterfield, Mansfield, Warsop, Blyth, Retford, Lincoln, Boston, Hull, Newark, etc., should be 'writ' to for petitions.

house, shall nott appeare in their Gownes, att the tymes appointed at the hall, or w<sup>ithin</sup> a quarter of an hower after, haueing noe licence or excuse, shall forfeite one shilling to the vse of the Corporacion.

*Ib.*, fo. 8 a.

1698, Tuesday, December 19.

*Memorandum*, that itt is this day ordered that *Master* Griffyn, the 5 present *Master* of the *Freeschoole*, shalbe removed from his said place of *Master* of the said *Freeschoole*, he haueing verry much Neglected his duty therein, whereby the said *Freeschoole* is verry much decayed and lessened, to the greate *prejudice* and damage of the Burgesses of the said Towne in perticuler, and to the Inhabitants 10 of this towne in generall, they beeing necessitated to send their Children to other Schooles in the Countreyes for their Education, to their greate charge and expence. And that the Schoole Wardens doe giue him a discharge, *which* they haue done accordingly. And if he shall refuse to leave the *said* *Freeschoole* by Laydy day next, 15 that they shall withdrawe his Sallary. *Ib.*, fo. 10.

1698-9, Monday, February 6.

Ordered, that a petition be drawne and Sent vp to the Parlyament against the further Coyning of farthings and halfe pence. *Ib.*, fo. 13.

1699, Friday, May 5.

Ordered that *Master* Alderman Rickards, *Master* Alderman Watkinson, and one of the Chamberlyns doe attend the Right Noble, 20 the Duke of Newcastle, in order to satisfye his Grace about the Ammonition money demanded of this Corporacion, etc.

Ordered that the Schoole Wardens doe a new discharge *Master* Griffith, Schoole Master; and in Case he doe not resigne, that an Ejectment be delivered him to through<sup>1</sup> him out of possession; or 25 if he will giue under his hand and seale that he will surrender Imedyately, he shall haue his Sallary till Christmas next.<sup>2</sup>

*Ib.*, fo. 14.

1699, Friday, June 16.

Whereas Complaint hath beene made vnto this hall by Severall of the Inhabitants of the *said* Towne, That diverse persons within 30 the said Towne who haue and keepe places and yards for laying of

<sup>1</sup> 'through' = throw.

<sup>2</sup> After 'surrender,' the order originally ran: 'betwixt this and Christmas next, he

may haue his vsuall sallary,' these words being cancelled.

Coales in order to sell the same againe, haue bought such excessive quantities of Coales, and doe forestall and hinder the bringinge of Coales to the Towne, whereby Coales are become verry scarce and deare, Itt is therefore ordered that the persons who are guilty of the  
5 said offence shall be discharged for soe doeing. And in case they shall persist and continue to buy and forestall Coales vntill the Inhabitants of the said Towne shalbe furnished with Coales, That they shalbe prosecuted for the same according to Lawe.

Ordered that the Chamberlyns doe pay fye pounds towards a  
10 plate to be run for vpon Nottingham and Basford Lings at the next horse-Race. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1699, Thursday, August 10.

Ordered that Master John Brammer, the Cooke, haue the old Sallary of Six pounds *per Annum*, from Michaelmas Next, but he is not to be allowed anything to the Midletorne Juryes' Dinners, but  
15 the persons where they dyne to pay him. *Ib.*, fo. 16.

1699, Friday, August 18.

Itt is this day agreed that his Grace, the Duke of Schomburge, be attended by the Corporacion in their formallitye,<sup>1</sup> and be presented with the vsuall presents to persons of his quality.

*Ib.*, fo. 17 a.

20 <sup>2</sup>I, A. B., doe sincerely promise and sweare, That I wilbe faithfull, and beare true Allegiance to his Majestye Kinge William.

Soe helpe me God.

I, A. B., doe sweare, that I doe from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure as Impious and heriticall, this dampnable doctrine and posi-  
25 tion, That princes Excommunicated or deprived by the pope, or any Authority of the see of Roome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or any other whatsoever.

And I doe declare, that noe Forreigne Prince, person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to haue any Jurisdiction, power,  
30 superiority, Preheminence, or Authority, Ecclesiasticall or spirituall, within this Realme.

Soe helpe me God.

3467, fo. 1.

<sup>1</sup> formallitye,] 'formallitye,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> The oaths which follow were administered this year to the new Mayor and

members of the Council, etc., the renouncing of the Covenant being in some cases 'respited.'

1699, Tuesday, December 12.

Whereas this house hath heretofore been Imposed upon by persons being made Burgesses who have had no rights, and this for want of due Informac<sup>o</sup>n about the rights of such persons, To prevent which for the future, Itt is ordered that no person shall be made Burgesse, at any Hall-day, vnlesse such person shall, at some Hall-day 5 before, offer his name in writing to the Mayor and Councell of the said Town, whereby they may have knowledge of such person's Intencions, that they may Inform themselves of such person's right to be made a burgesse or no. And this order to be made publick by the Common Cryer.

*Ib.*, fo. 7 a. 10

1699-1700, Tuesday, January 23.

Itt is this day agreed by this house, that the Schoole-Wardens Doe pay Master Griffiths,<sup>1</sup> Master of the Freeschoole, his Sallary, and he to continue Schoole Master till further order.

*Ib.*, fo. 8.

1699-1700, Tuesday, February 6.

The Question being put, whether or<sup>2</sup> . . .

Ordered by this house (*nemine contradicente*<sup>3</sup>), that all such 15 persons as are now Apprentices to any Trades within this Town, shall bring in their Indentures att the next hall-day, to be Inrolled in the booke for that purpose. And that all others who shall at any time hereafter be bound Apprentice to any person or persons within the said Town, shall Inroll their severall Indentures att the next Hall- 20 day after their being respectively bound. And that, for the future, no person shall be made a Burgesse of this Town vnlesse he produce his Indentures at the time he comes to be sworn, and be also Inrolled in manner abovesaid. And that this order shall be publisht<sup>4</sup> by the Common Cryer.

*Ib.*, fo. 10. 25

1700, Tuesday, April 16.

Whereas complaint has been made to this house, That the want of a Chimney in the Goal has been very discommodious, and a great annoyance to the Neighbours there: To prevent which for the future, Itt is ordered by this house, That the Chamberlaines do take care that a convenient Chimney be built in the Goal with as much expe- 30 dic<sup>o</sup>n as may be, and to order it to be made so that it may not weaken the same.

*Ib.*, fo. 12.

<sup>1</sup> Griffiths,] 'Griffiths,' MS.

<sup>2</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>3</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

<sup>4</sup> publisht,] 'publist,' MS.

1700, Thursday, June 13.

Ordered, that this Corporacion do allow five pounds towards buying a Plate or Plates to be run for upon Nottingham Course, as is usuall.

*Ib.*, fo. 16.

1700, Thursday, June 27.

Ordered that Master Huthwait, Master Armstrong, Master Firth, 5 Master Richards, Master Barke, Master Radfarth, and the Chamberlains do meet the undertakers of the Waterworkes, on the behalfe of the Corporacion, as oft as they meet to consult about the same.

*Ib.*, fo. 17 a.

1700, August 13.

Memorandum, that this day Master Charles Chadwicke was sworne 10 Steward to the Mayor and Sherriffes of this Towne, att Master Mayor's house, in the roome of Master Richard Knight, late deceased, there beeing present the two Sherriffes, Master Mayor, Master Alderman Salmon and Master Alderman John Rickards.

*Ib.*, fo. 4 b.

1700, Friday, September 26.

Whereas John Blount, who hath now a Burgesse part, has lived 15 out of this Town of Nottingham for above a year, by which, according to the Custome of the said Town, and by vertue of a former order made by this house, he ought to part with and resigne his said Burgesse part: Itt is therefore ordered by this house, That unlesse the said John Blount shall make it appear to this house, That he does 20 pay Scott and Lott<sup>1</sup> in this Town, his said Burgesse part shall be taken from him, and allotted to another. Itt is further ordered that, for the future, all such persons as leave this Town for above a year, shall lose their respective Burgesse parts.

*Ib.*, fo. 22.

1700, Tuesday, November 19.

The question being putt, whether or no the present or future 25 Chamberlains shall have any Burgesse-parts allotted to them before they fall to them by Course as other Burgesses, It was carryed in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.<sup>2</sup>

3468, fo. 5.

1700, Friday, November 29.

The question being put, whether or no a person who is a Burgesse born, or hath served an Apprenticeship to a Freeman of this Town, 30 within the Town, and afterwards lives in the Country, shall, during

<sup>1</sup> 'Scot and lot,' parish payments. (Johnson.)    <sup>2</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting.

the time of his Abode there, be sworn a Burgesse of this Corporacion, Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes.

The question being put, whether or no William Crafts, Frameworke-Knitter, now a Burgesse of this Corporation, shall be Disfranchised, and lose his right of Burgesseship, for striking and offering 5 many Affronts to Master Samuell Watkinson, the present Mayor of this Town, contrary to his Burgesse Oath: Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes, And it is hereby ordered that the said William Crafts be Disfranchized accordingly.

The question being put, whether or no such persons as have been, 10 or shall be putt out Apprentices by the Overseers, etc., of the Parishes within the said Town, shall be made Burgesses of this Corporacion, although they were not bound to Burgesses, It was carryed in the Negative by the Majority of votes. *Ib.*, fo. 6.

1700-1, Friday, February 13.

Ordered by this House, That application be made to the Parlia- 15 ment this session, for the obtaining an Act of Parliament for setting on worke and employing the poor of this Town (there now being great encouragement given by the said Parliament), And, for that end, it is further ordered, that Master Alderman Trigge, Master Alderman Salmon, Master Green, Master Sterrop, Master Huthwait, Master 20 John Collin, Master Richards and Master Chamberlain Firth, and as many others of this Corporacion as think fitt, do meet weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the Afternoon, att the Office-Chamber, to Consult of and agree upon propper Methods to be taken for the Management and obtaining of the same. And that they do desire 25 the Company and Assistance of as many others of this Town as may be serviceable in this matter. *Ib.*, fo. 9.

1700-1, Friday, March 21.

The question being put, whether or no the Parliament shall be petitioned this Session by this Corporacion for an Act of Parliament to erect Workhouses within this Town, and employ the poor thereof, 30 Itt was carryed in the Affirmative, *nemine Contradicente*.<sup>1</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 10.

1701, Thursday, April 3.

Ordered, That the Chamberlains do make an Arch over the Rowell<sup>2</sup> att the West end of Saint Peter's Church Yard, and Levell

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: no one contradicting. The petition was sealed on the following day.

<sup>2</sup> Sewer, or drain.

the Ground over the same and thereabouts, in such manner as they shall think proper. *Ib.*, fo. 12.

1701, Thursday, April 10.

The question being putt, Whether or no the Bill to be sent up to the Parliament men, in order to gett an Act for employing the poor  
5 of this Town, be sent up as the same is now filled up, and corrected, and whereby the Mayor and Aldermen have severall powers therein, and be not altered, according to Master Farewell's method, to Lodge part of the *said* powers in the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers: Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes,  
10 and Ordered that the *said* Bill (exclusive of Master Farewell's Alterations), be writt fair over, and sent up to our Members for the purpose aforesaid. *Ib.*, fo. 13.

1701, Tuesday, April 29.

The question being putt, whether or no the Bill of Master Roby Sherwyn concerning a suite which was prosecuted against Master  
15 Alderman Trigge, about the distributing some Corn to the poor, to appease them, they having assembled together in a Riotous manner, for the distribution of which Corn the said Alderman Trigge was sued by one Fotherby, the owner (tho' the *said* Fotherby did Consent to the disposing of the *said* Corn to the poor aforesaid), be paid by  
20 this Corporacion or no (it being a publick Concern), It was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

1701, Thursday, June 19.

*Memorandum*, this day Master John Sulley was sworn a Burgesse of this Town on account of his being the Eldest son of his Father after he was made Burgesse, and on no other account; and therefore  
25 Master Gervase Sulley is looked upon as no Burgesse, he being made by a pretence of being his Father's eldest son after he was Burgesse, tho' in truth he was not, and for that reason was disfranchised. *Ib.*, fo. 17 a.

1701, Monday, July 28.

Ordered that the Honourable, the Earle of Kingston, be waited  
30 upon to-Morrow by this Corporacion, and that the Chamberlain[s] do pay 2 Guineas to the steward, for the Servants, in lieu of the present which usually was sent, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 20 a.

1701, Thursday, October 23.

*Memorandum*, this day Master Noon and Master Drury reported

to this house, That they had, with *Master Wildbore*, surveyed this Corporacion's Land at *Lambley*, and did bring a draught thereof into this hall, with the particular Contents thereof, which contents are<sup>1</sup> as follows :—

1st New Close in 3 parts—	Acres.	Roods.	Perches.	5
1st part next <i>Lambley</i> . . . . .	17	3	5	
2d part next <i>Arnhold</i> . . . . .	20	1	28	
3d part adjoyning to them both . . . . .	18	0	0	
The <i>Killcroft</i> ends . . . . .	16	3	23	
The <i>Meadow Plott</i> . . . . .	22	2	32	10
The little <i>Meadow</i> . . . . .	4	0	24	
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The full contents . . . . .	99	3	32	
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3469, fo. 7.

1701, Thursday, October 30.

Ordered that Public notice be given to all the Town's *Tennants* that neglect or refuse to grind att the Town's Mills, pursuant to the 15 Covenants in their severall Leases, for them to appear att the next Hall, to shew cause why they don't observe their *said* Covenants. And, in case they refuse to appear, that they be forthwith proceeded *against*, accordinge to Law. *Ib.*, fo. 8.

1701-2, Tuesday, March 3.

The Question being putt, whether or no the Hollow near the 20 Beastmarkett be Arched and filled up, Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes. *Ib.*, fo. 14.

1701-2, Thursday, March 5.

The Question being putt, whether or no the profitts of *Lambley* Lands shall be appropriated and applyed towards putting out poor Burgesses' Children Apprentices, or to what other use, Itt was 25 carryed by ye Majority of Votes that the *said* Proffitts be applyed towards putting out the Children of such poor Burgesses who live in the Town, and are otherwise Qualified, as the Deed directs, as this Corporacion shall agree upon, when they have Notes from the Overseers of the respective parishes, of Boyes fitt to be putt out. And 30 for that purpose, Itt is ordered that the said Overseers have Notice to bring in Lists of fitt persons the next hall-day. And that one halfe of the *said* proffitts be for *Saint Marye's* Parish, and the other

<sup>1</sup> 'are' repeated in MS.

halfe for the other two Parishes equally. And itt is further ordered that no person so putt out have above four pound given to the Master with him ; And that each Master give Security to save the Parish harmlesse, etc. *Ib.*, fo. 15.

- 5 Whereas this day *Master* Mayor, by the Consent of the Councell, did send his Sergeant to *Master* Stephen Garner, Apothecary in this Town, to desire his attendance upon him att the Hall, which Sergeant, being returned, brought word that the *said* Stephen Garner bid him tell *Master* Mayor that he would not come, and if *Master* Mayor had  
 10 anything to doe with him, he might come to him (or to that effect) ; Therefore, the Question being putt, whether or no the *said* Stephen Garner be, for such his Contempt and Neglect of Attendance, Disfranchized and turned out from being a Burgesse of this Town, and lose all his Priviledges as such, Itt was carryed in the Affirmative by  
 15 the Majority of Votes. And the said Stephen Garner is hereby Disfranchized, and turned out, from henceforth, from being a Burgesse of this Town of Nottingham, and to lose all his Priviledges he now enjoys, as being Burgesse of the same. And itt is Ordered this day by this house, That the *said* *Master* Garner be served with a Copy of  
 20 this Order.<sup>1</sup> *Ib.*, fo. 15 a.

<sup>1</sup> On the following Thursday (the 12th), the order was confirmed, Garner having written a note consenting to be disfranchised, in order to qualify himself for

\*evidence in a cause to be tryed the next Assizes, wherein the Rights and Priviledges of this Corporacion are concerned.\*



# CALENDAR OF CHARTERS, ETC.

1625-1702.

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The names of persons and places are printed in this Calendar as spelt in the original deeds.

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I.—1 Car. to 20 Car. 1. Index of Statutes Merchants Bonds.

4648 b.

II.—1625, October 4. A book containing the names of the Burgesses of Nottingham, with memorandum of their tenements.

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4649.

III.—1627, June 11. Writ from Charles I. to William Willoughbie, son and heir of Gilbert Willoughbie, deceased, reciting Decree of Commissioners for Charitable Uses, respecting payment of Willoughby's Charity, etc., etc. For Order of Chancery in same matter, see pp. 123-4.

4651.

IV.—1629. Jury Panel, Recognizances, and other legal documents, in the matter of George Robinson *v.* John Wood.

Stretton MSS, No. XXXVIII.

V.—1628-9, February 21. Commission to Thomas Gilbert and others, to take evidence in a suit in the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster between the King and the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham: 'CHARLES, by the grace of God, kinge of England, Scotland, Fraunce and Ireland, Defender of the faith, etc., To our trustie and well-beloved Thomas Gilbert, Roberte Butler, George Abell and Thomas Charleton, gentlemen, and to everie of them, greet-  
15 inge: Whereas matter dependeth in vavance before our Chauncellor and Counsell of our Duchie of Lancaster, in our Duchie Chamber att our Pallace of Westminster, between vs, by Informacion *plaintiffs*, and the Maior and burgesses of the Towne of Nottingham, De-  
20 fendants: Wherein wee and the said parties are proceeded and growne to full and perfect issue, as by the pleadings there remayninge of record appeareth; We, willinge to bee ascertayned of the

truth of the said matter, will and require you, or anie two or more of you att tyme convenient, by you to be lymitted and appointed, to call before you, by vertue hereof, the said parties, Defendants, and all such other persons as you shall thinke meete, to inquire of the said matter, as well by viewe, oath, evidence, *perambulacion*, *examinacion* of witnesses, as by all other good waies and meanes as to you shall seeme best: And allsoe to examyne all such witnesses as shalbee produced and come before you, aswell on our behalfe, as of the Defendants' behalf, vpon such *Interrogacions* as shalbee exhibited and brought vnto you touchinge the said matter, and the circumstances thereof; And therevpon of your facts, doeings, and proceedings herein, wee will and require you, or anie two or more of you, by your writings inclosed vnder your seales, togeather with theis our letters and all *Interrogacions*, *examinacions*, and *deposicions* hereby taken, faire ingrossed into parchment, to certefie our Chauncellor and Counsell of our Duchie of Lancaster, in our Duchie Chamber, att our Pallace of Westminster in *Quindena Paschae* nexte comynge; Not faileinge hereof as wee trust you: Provided allwaies, that this our Commission shalbee executed att Bingham, vpon foureteene daies' warninge to bee given to Henrie Caldicote, Solicitor in the Cause on our behalf, of the daie and tyme of the execucion hereof: Geeven at our said Pallace, vnder the Scale of our said Duchie, the xxjth daie of Februarie, in the Fourth yeare of our Raigne. Gerard.'

4653.

VI.—1630, June 10. Lease by Alexander Staples, Mayor of the town of Nottingham, and the Burgesses of the same town, to Richard Hare, the elder, apothecary, and Richard Hare, the younger, mercer, of Newark Tolls, ('All that their toll and passage to them in any manner of wise appertaininge or belonginge to be . . . gathered at the Toll-meare next Newarke Briggs and Meryall Briggs, and at Gunthorpe, and other places accustomed for the same, in the County of Nottingham, except the toll and passage to be taken at Everton and Mattersey, and the places thereto belonginge, of all manner of Marchandises passage thereby to any Feares or Marketts within this Realme of England'), for 21 years from Michaclmas, 1630. 4653 b.

VII.—1632, April 20. Bond in £120 from the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham to Thomas Potter, of the ('les') Brewhouses,

in the County of Nottingham, yeoman, and Elizabeth, his wife, to secure to them (the latter), an annuity of £10 10s. od., to be paid 'upon the Feast-day of St. Martin the Bishopp, in Winter, and the Feast-day of Phillipp and Jacob, commonlye called "Mayday," by  
 5 even and equall porcions, att or in the Guildhall of the saied Towne of Nottingham, without any fraud, or further delay.' 4655.

VIII.—1633, July 2. Bargain, Sale, and Feoffment by Nicholas Sherwyn, of Nottingham, 'Tanner,' to John Gregorye, of Nottingham, 'gentleman,' of half an acre of Land, Meadow, and Pasture  
 10 lying and being in the Meadows of Nottingham, and abutting east on the Calsey Pool, and west on the land of William Hunt, and lying between the land of the said John Gregorye, north, and the land of Edmund Claye, gentleman, on the south; such half acre of land, etc., being then in the tenure or occupation of the said Nicholas Sherwyn.  
 15 4656.

IX.—1633, August 10. Bond in £20 from Robert Benett, of Nottingham, yeoman, Richard Benett, of Nottingham, 'Coverlett-weauer,' and George Benett, of Nottingham, 'Coverlett-weauer,' to the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, for the performance of  
 20 the covenants of a certain lease of the same date to the said Robert Benett, and his wife. 4657.

X.—1633. Copy of an Exchequer Decree relating to forfeited Recognizances in the City of Bristol: a decayed fragment. 4659.

XI.—1634-1642. Accounts of Overseers of the White Rents.  
 25 An oblong book of 14 pages: the items are of no special interest. 4659 b.

XII.—1633-4, February 1. Grant from Henrye Sherwyn, of Nottingham, 'Tanner,' to John Gregorye, of Nottingham, 'gentleman,' of half an acre of land or pasture in the 'Claye-field,' between  
 30 the land of William Gregorye, gentleman, on the north, and the land of Richard Dringe on the south, and abutting on the Beck towards the east, and a headland, late in the tenure of Marye Greaves, towards the west. In consideration of the sum of £10 paid by the said John Gregorye. 4660.

XIII.—1634, June 12. Mortgage, for securing £200, by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to Alderman William Nixe, of Nottingham, of 'a close of pasture, or parcell of ground,' containing 16 acres, known as 'the Easte Steynor,' situate in the towne of Nottingham, beyond the river Trent, at the further end of the Trent Bridges. 4662.

XIV.—1634, June 12. Counterpart of the same. 4663.

XV.—1635, June 15. Copy of Exemplification of that part of the Domesday Book which relates to Nottingham. For the Exemplification itself, see pp. 16-21. 4665 b. 10

XVI.—1635, April 16 and 17. Bonds by Ellen Willson, widow, Robertt Bamforth, Innholder, Joan Groves, widow, and Ellen Smith, widow, all of Nottingham, with their Sureties, in £80 each to the King, not 'att any time hereafter, directlie or indirectlie,' to 'geuc, sell, retayle, or vtter any manner of Tobaccoc or Tobaccocs in the 15 Towne of Nottingham, to the preiudice of the Patentees now in being, or *which* hereafter shalbec, vnles' they 'shalbec therevnto first licenced by the king's Majestie, his deputyes, or Assignes.' 4666.

XVII.—1636-7. A book of the Account of John Cooper and John Barrett, Overseers, of the receipts and expenses of the Malt-Mill, from November 25, 1636, to May 23, 1637. 4668.

XVIII.—1642, May 28. Bargain and Sale by Thomas Potter, of 'Hasle-Woode,' in the County of Derby, Ironmonger, to Joseph Parker, of Derby, Gentleman, of a messuage in 'Hasle-Woode,' in the Lordship, Manor, or Parish of Driffeld, in the County of Derby, 25 for the consideration-money of £240. 4669.

XIX.—1645-6, February 4. Copy Surrender by George Widowson, of Nottingham, Gentleman, to William Flamsteed, of Nottingham, Gentleman, of the office of Steward or Clerk of the Court of Record of the Town of Nottingham, Sealed, etc., before the Mayor, 30 Thomas Gamble, in his presence, and that of John Fillingham, John Parker, and Thomas Huthwett. 4670.

XX.—1645-6, March 12. Lease by Huntingdon Plumptre, of

Nottingham, Esquire, to Henry Boote, of Nottingham, yeoman, of 3 acres of pasture-ground in the Clayfield of Nottingham, near Hungerhill, and known as 'St. Marye's Hadland,' 'to have and to hold' the same from 'the feast of the purification of the blessed  
 5 Virgin Mary last past, unto ye full end and terme of Twenty and one yeares from thence next following,' 4671.

XXI.—1646-7, February 1. Copy from the Books of Record of the Town of Nottingham, of an ancient composition between the Prior of Lenton and the Burgesses of Nottingham, respecting the  
 10 Lenton Fair; *circa* 1300. See vol. i., p. 60. 4672.

XXII.—1644-6. A book of the arrears of rents due to the town of Nottingham, arranged alphabetically by the tenants' names, shewing the arrears due to the Estates of the Chamber, the Bridge, and the School. 4673.

15 XXIII.—1647, September 24. Bargain and Sale between John Gregory, of Nottingham, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, and the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham (in consideration of £60 to be paid by the latter to the former), of the following pieces of ground in Nottingham, viz.: a 'parcell' of meadow-ground, of 1 acre, in the  
 20 meadows; 2 'leyes' or 'parcells' of meadow-ground, of 1 acre, in the said meadows, and lying and being on the Little Rye Hill; and also an acre of land in the 'Clayfeild' of Nottingham, near the 'becke.' 4674.

XXIV.—1647-8, January 29. Feoffment by 'Mary Woolley,' of  
 25 Nottingham, Widow, to William Flamsteed, of Nottingham, gentleman, and John Drewry, of Nottingham, butcher, in pursuance of the will of 'Thomas Wolley,' her late husband, of 2 cottages or tenements, 'with the appurtenances, and the yards, gardens, and back-side thereto belonging,' situate in Beck Lane, Nottingham, and an  
 30 annuity of 40s. out of her 4 cottages in Goose-gate, Nottingham; 'yet, notwithstanding,' to and for the use, benefit, and behoof of the said 'Mary Woolley' for and during her natural life, and from and after her death, to and for the use, etc., of the poor of 'St. Marie's' parish, Nottingham, according to the limitations of the said Will.  
 35 Signed, 'Mary Wolley.' 4675.

XXV.—1650, July 12. Articles of Agreement between the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, and Huntingdon Plumptre, of Nottingham, 'Esquier,' respecting 'one Messuage or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, in Bellar gate,' Nottingham, 'in the tenure of William Porter,' and 'one other garden or orchard there, in the tenure of Robert Kinge,' granted by the said Mayor and Burgesses to the said Huntingdon Plumptre, Esquire, and his heirs, for the sum of £90: the said William Porter claiming to have a term of 9 years from Michaelmas, 1648, to 'come in the said Messuage and garden in his possession, at the yearly rent of twenty shillings, payable at Lady-day and Michaelmas, by equal portions,' and the said Robert Kinge holding the other garden as his Burgess-part, at the yearly rent of 8s., payable at Michaelmas and Lady-day, by equal portions. The Mayor and Burgesses to pay to the said Huntingdon Plumptre, Esq., his heirs, etc., 40s. yearly, so long as the said William Porter, his heirs, etc., shall keep possession, and £3 more yearly, so long as the said Robert Kinge, or his widow, etc., shall keep possession: the Mayor and Burgesses to receive the rents aforesaid.

4676.

XXVI.—1650, July 12. Counterpart Grant, Bargain, and Sale by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to the said Huntingdon Plumptre, Esq., for the consideration money of £95, of their Messuage or tenement, etc., in 'Beller Gate,' Nottingham, in the tenure of William Porter; and of their garden, etc., adjoining to the said Messuage, and lying betwixt 'Beller-gate' aforesaid, and the land of the said Huntingdon Plumptre, called Hollowstone Close, on the east and west part, and the land of Robert Hardy, and the highway called 'the Hollow Stone,' on the north and south part, containing half an acre, and in the occupation of Robert Kinge; and also of their piece of ground or waste, etc., known as 'the Pinder's fee,' in the Clayfield, betwixt the lands of the said Huntingdon Plumptre, called 'the Bleaching-place,' and the Beck, on the east and west part, and the footbridge leading over the said Beck, and the lands of Samuell Staples, gentleman, called 'Garrett Well Close,' on the north and south part, in the holding of John Heywood.

4677. 35

XXVII.—1650, September 3. Conveyance by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, in consideration of £12, to John Filling-

ham,<sup>1</sup> of Nottingham, gentleman, of 'one little peece or parcell' of ground, on the backside, Nottingham, near the 'Mault-Mill,' at Chapel-Bar, and containing 52 yards in length, part whereof was heretofore a 'garden-place,' and abutting on the Common or waste-  
 5 ground there on the east; and part on the said 'Millne;' and part on the Common or waste ground there, on the west; and lying between the several lands of Edmund Clay and Thomas Jackson, gentlemen, on the north, and the highway on the south, and now or late in the tenure of the said John Fillingham. 4679.

- 10 XXVIII.—1650-1, January 17. Release by William Drewry, one of the Aldermen of the town of Nottingham, and William Flamsteed, of Nottingham, gentleman, of a rent of 3s. out of a tenement in Lister gate, in the tenure of William Ellison, 5s. out of another tenement in Nottingham, late in the tenure of William James, and  
 15 now in the tenure of Richard Dringe, gentleman, and 5s. out of a tenement in Cow Lane, late in the tenure of Richard Dally, now in the tenure of Emott Dally. 4681.

XXIX.—1651, September 24.—Nottingham Jury Panel.

Stretton MSS., No. XXXIX.

- 20 XXX.—1652, November 8. Exchange by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham with Huntingdon Plumptre, of Nottingham, Esquire, in consideration of £20, to be paid by him to them, of their 2 cottages and 2 little gardens thereto belonging, on the east side of St. Mary's Gate, Nottingham, and of 1 selion,<sup>2</sup> 'ley,' or land  
 25 containing 1 acre, known as 'St. Marie's head,' in the 'Clayfeild,' Nottingham, for 6 lands, selions, or 'leyes' of ground containing 3 acres, in the said 'Cleyfeild,' and lying and being on or near 'the Furlonge called Crabtree Wonge.' 4684.

- XXXI.—1652-3, January 25. Counterpart Bargain and Sale by  
 30 the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to John Chamberline, of Nottingham, Apothecary, of a 'messuage, burgage, or tenement, with the appartennances' situate on the north side of 'a streete or place there, called Rotten Row,' and of certain lands and buildings thereon, 'lyeing on the backside of the said bargained messuage or tenement,'

<sup>1</sup> Alderman.

<sup>2</sup> 'selion,' a ridge of land.

and extending therefrom 'vnto a lane or place there, called the Woman's *markett*.' 4685.

XXXII.—1661, August 14. Bond in £80, from the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Nottingham to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the 'Citie of Coventry,' for the distribution of money 5 from Sir Thomas White's Charity; *i.e.*, £40 'vnto fower young men of the same Towne for nyne yeares, according to the mind, devise, and intent of Sir Thomas White, late of London, Marchant-Taylor and Alderman, deceased.' 4686 b.

XXXIII.—1670, June 9. Charter from the Mayor and Burgesses 10 of Nottingham to Jossuah Hill, gentleman, a Burgess of Nottingham, acquitting him, and 'all his goods and Merchandize' (in accordance with the terms of King John's Charter, made at Clipstone, on the 19th March, in the first year of his Reign), 'of and from all manner of Toll, or other interrupcions or impediments whatsoever, either in 15 his buyinge, sellinge, carryinge, tradeinge, or otherwise.'

Stretton MSS., No. XL.

XXXIV.—1673, August 19. Receipt by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to the Lord Treasurer and Chamberlains of the Exchequer, for a Standard Brass-Measure. 4688. 20

XXXV.—1677, June 24. Receipt by the King's Receiver-General, for taxes due from Nottingham, for building 30 ships of war. 'I, Mathew Jenison, Esquire, the King's Majestie's Receiver Generall for the Countie of Nottingham, and Towne of Nottingham, Doe acknowledge to haue received the Summe of Sixty-five Pounds and tenne 25 shillings, of the Collectors of the severall Wards within the said Towne of Nottingham, being the full Summe charged on the same Towne, and on their severall collections, for the first Quarterly Payment of the Seventene Months' Assessments, granted to his Majesty, by an Act of Parliament made in the xxjx<sup>th</sup> yeare of his Reigne, for 30 the speedy building Thirty Ships of War: Witnesse my hand and seale the Day and yeare abovesaid.' 4690.

XXXVI.—1677, December 15. Similar receipt by the same for £65 10s. od., for the third quarterly payment. 4691.

XXXVII.—1685. A list of the tenants of the Bridge lands, with the dates and particulars of their leases arranged alphabetically.

4692.

XXXVIII.—1688. Bundle of letters from the Mayor, Recorder, and others, with respect to the holding of Sessions, new Charter, and other business.

4692 c.

XXXIX.—1691-2, February 25. Order of Privy Council regarding grant of Charter to Nottingham. 'Upon Reading this Day, at the Board' a Report from the Attorney-General on the petition of the Corporation of Nottingham, for a 'Grant and Confirmation to them of all' the privileges, etc., 'which they, or their predecessors enjoyed before the Surrender thereof, with their late Charter,' in 34th Charles II., 'It was ordered by His Majesty in Council, that Mr. Attorney-General do Examine and Consider of the Differences between the Petitioners' former and present Charters, and Report the same, with his opinion, to this Board, on Thursday, the 3rd of March next, whereupon His Majesty will Declare his further pleasure.'

4692 d.

XL.—1692, December 20. Lease from Alice Barne, of the County of Middlesex, widow, to Jane Burrow, of Burrow-on-the-Hill, in the County of Leicester, widow, of a Messuage or Tenement, with appurtenances, etc., in Burrow aforesaid, now in the occupation of John Tyers, or his Assign, and of the Close or Pasture called 'Hutton's Close,' containing 5 acres, and in the occupation of the said Jane Burrow, or her Assigns, at Burrow aforesaid.

4693.

XLI.—1693, December 9. Articles between the Mayor and Burgesses, and Abraham Groobey, as to setting the poor at work. 'Articles of Agreement, Indented, had, made, concluded and Agreed vpon the Ninth day of December, In the fifth yeare of the reign of our most gracious Souereignes William and Mary, By the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King and Queene, Defenders of the Faith, etc., *annoque Domini*,' 1693: Between the Maior and Burgesses of the Town of Nottingham of the one parte, and

<sup>1</sup> *Translation*: 'and in the year of the Lord.'

Abraham Groobey, of Melton, in the County of Leicester, Woosten-Weaver, of the other part. Whereas the said Maior and Burgesses haue a desire, and theire intencion is, that the Poore People may be sett on Worke and imployed in the Spinning of Wooll, Whereby they [may] be Enabled to gett a Livelyhood by an honest Labour and Industry, and soe become less chargeable to the Inhabitants of this Town of Nottingham, They, the said Maior and Burgesses, for themselves and their Successors, Doe Covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said Abraham Groobey, his Executors and Administrators, by these presents, in manner following, that is to say :

That they, the said Maior and Burgesses shall and will pay and allow vnto the said Abraham Groobey the Sum of Six pounds for one yeare for or towards the Rent of a convenient House for him to Dwell and teach the Spinners in ; And that the said Maior and Burgesses shall at their Costs and Charges find and provide forty Wheelles for such poore persons as shall Learne or be taught to Spin ; And also that they allow and pay vnto the said Abraham Groobey twenty pounds, for One yeare, in recompense and satisfaccion of the losse and damage he shall or may susteyne in the teaching of the said Poore persons to Spin ; And also they the said Maior and Burgesses to Lend him, the said Abraham Groobey, fifty pounds for one yeare, without paying any Interest, he Giveing Securety by his own Bond for the repayment thereof ; and if he happen to dye within the said yeare, then the same to be paid within One Month next immediately after his decease. The said fifty pounds is to be laid out and imployed in a Stock towards the Setting and Keeping the Poore Spinners in Worke. And that the said Abraham Groobey is to be freed and acquitted from the payment of All Assessments and Levyes made for the Releife of the Poore dureing the said terme of One yeare. And they the said Maior and Burgesses are at the End and Expiration of the said terme of one yeare (which is to commence from the Second Day of February next ensuing), to give him his freedome, and make him a Burgess of this Town of Nottingham : Provided alwayes, and vpon Condicion, That if the said Abraham Groobey, after the Expiration of the said yeare, shall make a New Agreement with the Maior and Burgesses of this Town for the further imploying and continuing the Poore in Worke, vpon such reasonable and necessary proposalls and termes as shall be then declared or Offered to him, And also that if he performe and keep

on his part these *present* Articles of Agreement according to the true intent and meaning thereof, And yet the said Maior and Burgesses will not or shall not think fitt to continue him in the Employing of Spinning of Wooll, and that it be found and made appeare  
 5 that he hath a sufficient Stock further to manage it, and that the failure is on their parts, That then and in such case he shall haue his freedome in beinge a Burgess as aforesaid.

And the said Abraham Groobey Doth for himselfe, his Heires, Executors, and Administrators (Vpon the Consideracions abovesaid),  
 10 *Covenant, promise, and Agree* to and with the said Maior and Burgesses and their Successors by these *presents* in manner following (that is to say), That he the said Abraham Groobey shall, on or before the said second Day of February next ensuing, imploy and set on Worke soe many Poore People as the Maior and Aldermen of  
 15 this Town, or the Maior parte of them, shall think fitt to send to him, not exceeding the number of Six score, forty of *which* are to be taught and Learned to Spin Wooll *gratis*, for the space of Three Months after the time of their beginning to Learne to Spin; And after the said three Months, he is to imploy them, and allow them as  
 20 much for their Worke as they reasonable<sup>1</sup> deserue, and shall be adiudged by an honest and indifferent person *nominated* and chosen by the Maior and the said Abraham Groobey in that behalfe. And every three Months dureing the said terme of One yeare, he shall take soe many Poore People as the said Maior and Aldermen, or the  
 25 Maior parte of them, shall think fitt to send, not exceeding the number of forty, and he to teach them and learne them to Spin *gratis*, and to have their Worke for his teaching; And,<sup>2</sup> after the expiration of three Months of their beginning to<sup>3</sup> be taught to Spin, he, the said Abraham Groobey, is to continue them imployed in  
 30 Worke, and allow and pay vnto them as they shall reasonably deserue and [be] adiudged by an indifferent person *nominated* as aforesaid; And the other persons *which* can Spin, not exceeding the number of fowerscore, to be sent vnto him to be imployed and set on Worke, shall have such payment and allowance for the same as they  
 35 shall reasonably deserue or [be] adiudged by such indifferent person as aforesaid.

<sup>1</sup> '*reasonable*' = reasonably.

<sup>2</sup> '*they*' unnecessarily inserted here in MS.

<sup>3</sup> '*to*' repeated in MS.

In witness whereof, to one part of these *present* Articles of Agreement remaining with the said Maior and Burgesses, the said Abraham Groobey hath put to his Hand and Seale, and to<sup>1</sup> the other part thereof remaining with the said Abraham Groobey, the said Maior and Burgesses haue caused their Common Seale to be put the Day 5 and Yeare first above written.' The Articles are 'Sealed and Deliuered' by 'Abraham Grooby,' in the presence of 'Theodor Hosbrook' and 'Rich. Knight.' 4694.

XLII.—1694, June 1. Counterpart Grant from the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to Elizabeth Smalley, of Nottingham, 10 widow, of a small parcel of ground at Bridge-end, whereon part of her burgage or tenement is built; and of a piece of ground in Hollow-Stone, on the east side of the said tenement, and whereon the back-gates of the same are now set up; which 2 pieces of ground were formerly waste ground belonging to the Mayor and Burgesses 15 of Nottingham. 4696.

XLIII.—1694-5, March 6. Release from Robert Allicocke, of Nottingham, grasier, to the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, of his right in two acres of arable land, meadow, and pasture, in the 'Clayfeild,' Nottingham, 'on a certain furlong there, called the Crow- 20 hill,' [a blank space is left for the name of the occupier], in exchange for two cottages and gardens, with appurtenances, in Nottingham. 4698.

XLIV.—1697, July 7. Conveyance from the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to John Johnson, of Nottingham, wheelwright, 25 of a 'barne or buildinge,' and land near the Leen Bridge. 4699.

XLV.—1701, March 12. Bond in £40 from Edward Mellars, of Nottingham, Barber, to the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham, to save them harmless against action in respect of Susanna Petty, who had forfeited a lease of a messuage, etc., on Timber-Hill, granted to 30 her by the said Mayor and Burgesses, by assigning without licence. 4700.

<sup>1</sup> 'to' repeated in MS.

XLVI.—1701, December 8. Mortgage by the Mayor and Burgesses of Nottingham to Ruth Barrell, of London, widow, of 'Manshall Parke, otherwise Mansfield Parke,' in the parishes of Duffield and Muggington, in the County of Derby, for the sum of £500.



## A P P E N D I X .

The original of the following 'Orders,' forming part of the Stretton MSS., is preserved, in a frame, at the Nottingham Free Library.

### *Governor's Orders to the Nottingham Garrison.*

1644, December.

*Maister* Maior and the Governor doe require all *persons* whatsoever within this Guarrison (for the better orderinge and *gouerninge* of the same), to take notice of theis orders here following, as they will answer the contrary :

1. If any one shall bee found idelley standinge, or walkinge in the streete, 5 in sermon-tyme, or playing at any games vpon the sabath, or fast-day, hee shall pay halfe A crowne, or suffer imprisonment till hee pay the same.
2. If any one shall bee found drinkinge in any Taverne, Inne, or Alehouse, on the Sabath or fast-day, hee shall pay 10s., or suffer imprisonment till hee pay the same ; And the *maister* of that house shall pay for every 10 person soe taken in it xs., and if hee offend the second tyme, hee shalbee disenabled for sellinge wine, ale, or beare any more.
3. If any Taverne, Inne or Alehouse-keeper shall sell any wine, ale, or beare out of their houses vpon the sabath or fast-day (except to anyone who is sick), for the first offence hee shall pay vs., for the second xs., and for the 15 third, disenabled for sellinge any wine, ale, or beare any more.
4. If any Tradesmen shall carry home any wares to any of their Customers on the sabath-day, they shall forfeitt their wares, and suffer A weeke imprisonment.
5. If anyone shall keepe open any shopps, or buy or sell any *commodi-* 20 ties whatsoever on the sabath or fast-dayes, the buyer shall pay vs., and the seller xs., and suffer imprisonment till hee pay the same (vnles it bee vpon an extraordinary occasion for one that is sicke).
6. If anyone shall sweare, hee shall pay xijd. for every oathe, or suffer imprisonment till hee pay the same.
- 25 7. If any one shalbee druncke, hee shall pay five shillings, or suffer imprisonment till hee pay the same, and the *maister* of the house where hee was made druncke shall pay xs., and likewise suffer imprisonment till hee pay the same.

8. If anyone shalbee found tiplinge or drinckinge in any taverne, Inne, or Alehouse after the houre of nyne of the clock at night, when the Tap-too<sup>1</sup> beateth, hee shall pay 2s. 6d., And the house, for the first tyme, shall pay 2s. 6d. for every man so found, and the second tyme 5s., and for the third tyme bee disenabled for sellinge wine, ale, or beare any more. 5

9. If any soldier[s] shalbee found drinckinge in their Quarters after nyne of the clock at night, when the Tap-too hath beaten, they shall pay 2s., or suffer 24 houres imprisonment, with bread and water.

10. If any Taverne, Inne or Alehouse-keeper shall sell any wine, ale, or beare (except vpon an extraordinary occasion to one that is sicke), after the 10 houre of nyne of the clock at night, after the Taptoo hath beaten, vntill the Revelly<sup>2</sup> hath beaten the next morninge, hee shall pay vs., or suffer imprisonment till hee pay the same; and hee who fetcheth the drinke after the afore-said houre, shall pay 2s. 6d., or suffer imprisonment till hee pay the same.

Whosoever shall give Informacion of any person who shall committ any 15 of theis offences, hee shall haue halfe the penalties sett vpon them for his rewarde.

Will. Nix, Maior.

John Hutchinson.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 'Tap-too' or Tattoo, a beat of drum and a bugle-call to warn soldiers to repair to their quarters; originally, to *shut* the *taps*, or drinking-houses, against the soldiers.

<sup>2</sup> 'Revelly' = *revillie*, the sound of the drum or bugle at daybreak, to awaken soldiers.

<sup>3</sup> The MS. is endorsed:—'Governor's Orders,' and also directed at the back,

'To Corporall Saxton at Maine-guard.

'Corporall,

'See to ye executing these Orders to-day.

'Sabbath, December, 1644.

'Saml. Cotes.'

The day of the month has been cancelled so as to be undecipherable, and no fresh one has been substituted.

# LIST OF MAYORS, SHERIFFS, ALDERMEN, COUNCILLORS, ETC.

1625-26-1701-2.

This list has been compiled chiefly from the Hall-Books of the period embraced. The remaining sources are those described in previous volumes. In the first year it has been thought convenient to reprint the names of the principal officials previously appointed. The old spelling of the names has been adhered to throughout.

1625-26 Stephen Hill, Mayor, Richard Collishaw and John Dodsley, Sheriffs. William Fletcher, Recorder in place of Robert Phippes, deceased. Alexander Staples and Robert Greaves, Chamberlains. William Nixe and Ralph Shawe, Coroners. John James and Henry Alvey, School-Wardens. Samuel Barrowes and William James, Bridge-Wardens. Robert Greaves, Mayor's Clerk, as before. Robert Staples or Stables, Richard Parker, Leonard Nixe, Robert Sherwin, Robert Parker and John James, Aldermen. Nicholas Tomlynson, Sheriffs' Clerk. Thomas Woolley, Mayor's Sergeant. William Hollyman, Anthonie Wolley, Robert Collen and Michael Gregorie, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Richard Willson, Common Sergeant. Francis Nixe, Woodward. Michael Brightman, Keeper of the Meadows. Thomas Shipman, Swineherd and Neatherd. John Patten and John Reeve, Field Reeves (appointed May 2, 1626). Nicholas Collton, elected of the Council, June 21, 1626, in the place of John Poynton, deceased. Roger Frenche, Homfrey Coggs, Richard Pireson, Salomon Sebastyon, Robert Freeman, Michael Brightman, and William Hopkyns, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 30.

1626-27 Robert Parker, Mayor. William Stancey<sup>1</sup> and Robert Egginton, Sheriffs. Richard Hardmett and Robert Harris, Chamberlains. Stephen Hill, Alderman. William Littlefare elected of the Council in place of Hughe Verdon, Gabriell Bateman in place of Mr. Oxley, and Richard Collishawe in place of Mr. Gamble, June 18, 1627. Sheriffs' Sergeants same as previous year, except Anthonie Wolley, whose name is deleted

<sup>1</sup> Stancey. So in Hall-Books, but printed 'Stacey' in vol. iv. p. 432.

and substituted by that of Thomas Bishopp. John Williamson, Neatherd and Swineherd. Henrie Gregorie and Gabriel Dun, Field Reeves, appointed May 23, 1627. Burgesses enrolled, 31.

- 1627-28 John James, Mayor. Alexander Staples and Robert Greaves, Sheriffs. Edward Richards and John Poynton, Chamberlains. William Gregorie, Alderman. William James and Nicholas Martyn, Bridge-Wardens. George Wydoson, Sheriffs' Clerk. John Heyward, Woodward. Homfrey Coggs, Richard Pireson, Salomon Sebastian, Richard Storr, Michael Brightman, William Hopkyns and John Heyward, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 26.
- 1628-29 Richard Parker, Mayor. Richard Hardmett and Robert Harris, Sheriffs. Richard Dring and William Froste, Chamberlains. Alexander Staples, Alderman, in place of Robert Staples, retired on account of age and debility, August 10, 1629. Burgesses enrolled, 26.
- 1629-30 Alexander Staples, Mayor. Edward Richards and John Poynton, Sheriffs. Francis Toplady and Richard Hare, Chamberlains. Michael Gregorie, Sheriffs' Sergeant in place of Michael Brightman. Thomas Morrice and Edward Barnes appointed Town Beadles, September 22, 1630. Burgesses enrolled, 20.
- 1630-31 Robert Sherwin, Mayor. Richard Dring and William Froste, Sheriffs. Gabriel Groves and James Beardsley, Chamberlains. William James and William Parker, Bridge-Wardens. Samuel Burrowes elected Coroner in place of Ralph Shawe, deceased, Richard Hardmett elected of the Council in place of Robert Heald, and Thomas Jackson, in place of Gabriel Groves, Chamberlain, October 19, 1630. Robert Collen, Michael Gregorie, Robert Tompson, and Thomas Widoson, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Burgesses enrolled, 26.
- 1631-32 Leonard Nixe, Mayor. Francis Toplady and Richard Hare, Sheriffs. Edmund Bampton and William Wattson, Chamberlains. William James and William Parker, Bridge-Wardens. Gabriell Dun appointed Field Reeve May 1, 1632. Sheriffs' Sergeants same, except William Hollyman, in place of Robert Tompson. Burgesses enrolled, 33.
- 1632-33 William Gregorie, Mayor. Gabriel Groves and James Beardsley, Sheriffs. Homfrie Greaves and Randall Millner, Chamberlains. William James and Gabriel Bateman, Bridge-Wardens.

Richard Hardmett elected Coroner in place of Samuel Burrowes, old and infirm, February 25, 1632-33. Sheriffs' Sergeants same except Robert Barker, or Baker, substituted for William Hollyman. Richard Pireson, Richard Storr, Salomon Sebastian, William Hopkin, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 24.

1633-34 Robert Parker, Mayor. Edward Bampton and William Wattson, Sheriffs. William Richards and William Drewrie, Chamberlains. Richard Turpin elected of the Council in place of William Drewrie, and Thomas Wolley in place of William Richards, October 11, 1633. William Parker, Coroner, in place of William Nixe. Burgesses enrolled, 27.

1634-35 John James, Mayor. Homfrey Greaves and Randall Millner. Sheriffs. Thomas Wolley and Richard Turpin, Chamberlains. Richard Hardmett and William Parker, Coroners, Thomas Stanley, Wait, sworn January 10, 1634-35. Richard Hardmett, elected Alderman, in place of Richard Parker, old and infirm, and Randall Millner, Councillor in place of Richard Hardmett, elected Alderman, and James Beardsley, Councillor, in place of Nicholas Mastyn, August 10, 1635.  
<sup>1</sup> Egginton, Roger Ryley, Robert Bate, and John Spencer, appointed Field Reeves, September 18, 1635. William Lockley, Swineherd. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1635-36 Richard Hardmett, Mayor. William Richards and William Drewrie, Sheriffs. Thomas Malen and Henrie Millner, Chamberlains. William Parker and Edward Morrice or Morris,<sup>2</sup> Coroners. William Drewrie and Richard Hardmett, Bridge-Wardens. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1636-37 William Nixe, Mayor. Thomas Wolley and Richard Turpin, Sheriffs. Joseph Winfeild and Thomas Jackson, Chamberlains. John Cooper and John Barrett elected of the Council in the places of Joseph Winfeild and Thomas Jackson, Chamberlains, October 12, 1636. John Williamson, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 18.

1637-38 Robert Sherwin, Mayor. Thomas Malen and Henrie Millner, Sheriffs. Henrie James and Thomas Gamble, Chamberlains. William Nix and Roger Derbishire, Bridge-Wardens. Robert Burton, Alderman. William Drewrie, John Sherwin, and Ezechias Reason elected Councillors, October 24, 1637.

<sup>1</sup> Christian name not given.

<sup>2</sup> Spelt both ways in Council-book.

- Thomas Widoson, Robert Tompson, Henrie Richards, and Edmund Garland, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Salomon Sebastian, Richard Storr, Thomas Stanley, John Marshall, George Porter, Thomas Porter, and John Heyward, Waits.
- 1638-39 Robert Burton, Mayor. Joseph Winfeild and Thomas Jackson, Sheriffs. John Barrett and John Cooper, Chamberlains, Nicholas Sherwin, Mayor's Sergeant. Francis Toplady elected Alderman in place of Robertt Sherwin, Alderman, deceased, October 31, 1638. John Parsons, of the Council, in place of Richard James, Anthony Wright, in place of John Barrett, and William Sumner, in place of John Cooper, October 10, 1638. Burgesses enrolled, 31.
- 1639-40 William Gregorie, Mayor. Henrie James and Thomas Gamble, Sheriffs. John Sherwin and John Parsons, Chamberlains. Alderman Parker died this year: William Drewrie elected Alderman. Burgesses enrolled, 32.
- 1640-41 William Drewrie, Mayor. John Cooper and William Parker, Sheriffs. John Tomlyn and George Alsebrooke, Chamberlains. Thomas Stevenson elected Councillor in place of John Tomlyn, October 8, 1640. Thomas Gamble elected of the Common Council in place of Robert Egginton, deceased, one of the Clothing, February 9, 1640-41. Robert Tompson, Edmund or Edward Garland, Thomas Barnes, and John Poyser, Sheriffs' Sergeants. William Newcome, baker, appointed Postmaster, November 3, 1640. John Fische, Butcher, sworn Common Sergeant in place of Richard Willson. Salomon Sebastian, Richard Storr, Thomas Stanley, John Marshall, and George Porter, Waits. Burgesses enrolled 73.
- 1641-42 John James, Mayor. John Sherwin and William Sumner, Sheriffs. Paul Hooton and Richard Hydes, Chamberlains. Earl of Clare appointed Recorder,<sup>1</sup> February 2, 1641-42. James Chadwicke, Deputy Recorder, July 14, 1642.<sup>2</sup> Adrian Garner, John Fillingham, and William Bayly, elected Councillors October 7, 1641, in the places of William Sumner, Paul Hooton, and George Widoson. Sheriffs' Sergeants same as before, except Robert Thompson (excluded). Burgesses enrolled, 22.

<sup>1</sup> On the surrender of Mr. Fletcher.

<sup>2</sup> Gilbert Millington was nominated Deputy by the Earl, and Chadwicke to

supply his place during his (Millington's) absence.

- 1642-43 Richard Hardmett, Mayor. John Tomlyn and George Alsea-brooke, Sheriffs. Ezechias or Ezechie Reason (died March 5, 1642-43) and Thomas Smith, Chamberlains. Thomas Stevenson elected in place of the first, March 9, 1642-43. John Ludlam and Richard Whittbye elected Councillors in the place of Ezechias or Ezechie Reason and Thomas Smith, Chamberlains, October 17, 1642. Edward Garland, Thomas Barnes, John Poiser, and William Leake, Sheriffs' Sergeants. William Seywell, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 12.
- 1643-44 William Nixe, Mayor. Richard Hides and Paul Hooton, Sheriffs. John Fillingham and Adrian Garner, Chamberlains. Robert Greaves, Mayor's Clerk, displaced as 'unfit,' August 14, 1644. William Flamsteed or Flamstead appointed to the office same day. John Parker, Thomas Huthwaite,<sup>1</sup> and William Ryly, elected of the Council, November 7, 1643, in the places of John Fillingham and Adrian Garner, Chamberlains, and John Ludlam, deceased. Thomas Gamble elected Coroner same day, in place of Edward Morris, who relinquished the office. John Tomlyn elected of the Council, November 10, 1643, in place of the said Edward Morris, who also relinquished the office of Councillor. Thomas Gamble (Coroner) made Alderman, August 14, 1644, in place of Robert Burton, declared 'unfit' for the office. George Widoson, Sheriffs' Clerk. Thomas Widoson elected Mayor's Sergeant, in place of Richard Sherwin, April 10, 1644. John Poyser and Thomas Barnes, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Burgesses enrolled, 4.
- 1644-45 William Nixe, Mayor. Thomas Smyth and William Bayly, Sheriffs. John Parker and Thomas Huthwaite, Chamberlains. Colonel James Chadwick elected to 'continue' Deputy-Recorder, May 13st, 1645. Robert Greaves 'amoved and displaced' from being Clerk of the Statutes, and William Flamsteed elected in his stead, September 12, 1645.<sup>2</sup> William Flamsteed elected of the Council in place of William Bayly, Thomas Greene in place of John Parker, and John Reckles in place of Thomas Huffett, October 4, 1644. William Parker and William Richards, Coroners.

<sup>1</sup> Huthwaite was not sworn till the 14th August, 1644.

<sup>2</sup> The certificate of his election, or 1645. Graves was disfranchised Sept. 23, return to the writ, was sealed Sept. 21. 1646.

Thomas Wollye and Richard Dringe made Coroners, Aug. 14, 1645, in the places of Mr. Parker (retired, at his own request), and Mr. Richards, sworn Alderman next day. Paul Hooton and William Bayly (Sheriff), elected of the Council, August 26, 1645, in the places of Alderman William Richards, and William Parker, vacated through deafness. Burgesses enrolled, 23.

1645-46 Thomas Gamble, Mayor. John Fillingham and Adrian Garner, Sheriffs. Richard Whitbye and William Rylve, Chamberlains. Richard Dringe and Thomas Malyn, Bridge-Wardens. Robert Smyth, elected of the Council in place of Richard Whitbye, and Luke Dolphyn in place of William Rylve, October 8, 1645. John James, William Gregory, William Nixe, Francis Toplady, William Drewry, and William Richards, Aldermen. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1646-47 John James, Mayor. John Parker and Thomas Huthwaite, Sheriffs. Thomas Greene and Robert Smyth, Chamberlains. Richard Dringe and Thomas Malyn, Coroners. Clement Spelman elected Deputy-Recorder to the Earl of Clare, January 6, 1647. John Fillingham elected of the Council in place of Joseph Wingfeild, Daniel Sully in place of above Thomas Greene, and Stephen Holmes in place of above Robert Smyth, October 7, 1646; Robert Saxon elected of the Council in place of Luke Dolphyn, November 18, 1646. John Fillingham, Bridge-Warden. Michael Brightman, Keeper of the Meadows, died: Henry Brightman 'admitted his deputy:' Francis Averill sworn Keeper of the Meadows in place of Michael Brightman, March 30, 1646-47. Thomas Widoson, Mayor's Sergeant, declared 'unfit for his place,' July 21, 1647.<sup>1</sup> Burgesses enrolled, 52.

1647-48 William Drewry, Mayor. Richard Whitbye and William Rylve, Sheriffs. John Reckles and Richard Watkinson, Chamberlains. John Drewry elected of the Council in place of the above John Reckles, October 8, 1647. Richard Whitby elected Councillor in place of Roger Derbyshire, November 19, 1647. William Bringhurst appointed Mayor's Cook, October 29, 1647. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1648-49 William Richards, Mayor. Thomas Greene and Robert Smythe, Sheriffs. Richard Hawkins and Stephen Holmes, Chamber-

<sup>1</sup> His name still appears, however, in the Council Books for this and succeeding years.

lains. George Alsebrooke elected of the Council October 4, 1648, in place of Paul Hooton, Adrian Cooke in place of above Richard Hawkins, and John Bayly in place of above Stephen Holmes. John Poyser, Thomas Barnes, Thomas Lawson, and Stephen Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1649-50 William Nixe, Mayor; died Wednesday, September 18, 1650. Thomas Gamble, Mayor, sworn September 20, 1650. John Reckles and Richard Watkinson, Sheriffs. Daniel Sully and Edmond Richards, Chamberlains. Joshua Hill elected of the Council in place of Daniel Sully, October 5, 1649, John Parker in place of Humphrey Greaves, and Thomas Cooper in place of Adrian Cooke, both June 6, 1650. John Hewood, Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1650-51. Thomas Gamble, Mayor. Joshuah Hill and William Hall, Sheriffs. Robert Saxon and Barnabie Wartnaby, Chamberlains. William Ryly elected of the Council in place of John Fillingham, October 3, 1650; Robert Smith in place of Richard Dring, October 18, 1650; Brownlo Egginton in place of Robert Saxon, October 3, 1650, and John Parsons in place of Joshuah Hill, same day. Richard Hides, elected of the Common Council, June 10, 1651, in place of Richard Turpin, retired, and William Jackson, in place of John Bayly, deceased. John Poyser and Thomas Barnes, Sheriffs' Sergeants at the Mace. Burgesses enrolled, 19.

1651-52 Richard Dringe, Mayor. Edmund Richards and Robert Malyn, Sheriffs. Thomas Cooper and Brownlo Egginton, Chamberlains. Colonel James Chadwicke elected Deputy-Recorder to the Earl of Clare, in place of Clement Spelman (resigned), September 27, 1652. Richard Crampton, elected October 8, 1651, Councillor in place of William Jackson, who refused 'to stand' in place of John Bayly, John Smally in place of Thomas Cooper, and Roger Rylie in place of above Brownlo Egginton. Francis Cox elected Councillor, December 3, 1651, in place of John Parsons, deceased. Samuel Rorkett elected Councillor April 15, 1652, in place of John Drewry. John Poyser, Thomas Barnes, and Steven Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. John Wolly, Mayor's Sergeant. John Fish, Common Sergeant. Burgesses enrolled, 24.

1652-53 William Drury, Mayor. Robert Saxton and Barnaby Wartnaby, Blacksmith, Sheriffs. Robert Greaves, Mayor's

- Clerk.<sup>1</sup> Samuel Rocket and Francis Cooke, Chamberlains. Burgesses enrolled, 30.
- 1653-54 Francis Toplady, Mayor. James Chadwicke, Deputy Recorder. Thomas Cooper and Brownloe Egginton, Butcher, Sheriffs. Roger Ryley and Richard Smith, Chamberlains. William Drewrie, Thomas Gamble, William Richards, Richard Dring, John Parker, and Thomas Huthwaite, Aldermen. Thomas Malen and Adrian Garner, Coroners. Robert Greaves, Mayor's Clerk, elected Councillor, in place of John Tomlyn, deceased, December 21, 1653. John Chadwicke, Sheriffs' Steward. Mayor's Sergeant, same as before. Sheriffs' Sergeants, same. John Morris, sworn one of the Sheriffs' Sergeants, February 22, 1653-54. Homfrey Greaves, Common Sergeant. Christopher Kirke, Keeper of the Meadows, in place of Francis Avery, deceased, August 14, 1654.<sup>2</sup> William Pattchett, or Padgett, Solomon Sebastiania (*sic*), Homfrey Robertts, Thomas Bayly, William Coggs, and Thomas Dollinger, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 52.
- 1654-55 John Parker, Mayor. Daniel Sulley and Francis Cocke, Sheriffs. Richard Crampton and John Smalley, Chamberlains. Isacke Malen and Sam[uel] Ryley elected Councillors in place of the Chamberlains, October 12, 1654. Daniel Sully appointed Town Treasurer, January 18, 1654-55. Waits, same, except Dollinger, excluded. Robert Hassard, Town Scavenger. Burgesses enrolled, 23.
- 1655-56 Thomas Huthwaite, Mayor. Roger Ryley and Richard Smith, Sheriffs. William Pettye and William Lealand, Chamberlains. William Bayly and John Cooper, Bridge-Wardens. Richard Hawkyins elected of the Common Council, Nov. 9, 1655, in place of Richard Wattkinson, deceased. Mr. Cooper, Captain Richards, Brian Grey, and William Archers, Field Reeves. John Poyser, Thomas Barnes, John Spencer, and Steven Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Samuel Laweson, sworn

<sup>1</sup> The minute-book for this year is unfortunately lost. The prior one, 1651-52, is wholly in the handwriting of Flamsteed, the then Mayor's Clerk: that for 1653-54 is throughout in the handwriting of Greaves. The latter, therefore, must have been re-appointed between these two periods, but the circumstances of his resumption of the

office, which would probably have been stated in the lost book, are now unknown. He was sworn on September 30, 1653, but this was probably only a re-taking of his oath of office, as it is recorded without comment.

<sup>2</sup> Robert Millward served after Avery's death till the appointment of Kirke.

in the place of John Poyser, February 6, 1655-56. Burgesses enrolled, 42.

1656-57 William Richards, Mayor. Richard Crampton and John Smalley, Sheriffs. William Parker and John Toplady, Chamberlains. Major John Chadwicke, Sheriffs' Clerk and Steward, and William Jackson, elected of the Common Council, October 2, 1656, in place of the two Chamberlains. John Spencer, Mayor's Sergeant, 'approved of' by the Council, September 9, 1656, and sworn October 6. 1656. Thomas Bayly, William Coggs, and Henrie Greenehill, Waits. Bayly discharged, June 8, 1657: William Knewstub appointed in his stead. Burgesses enrolled, 39.

1657-58 Thomas Gamble, Mayor. William Pettye and William Lealand, Sheriffs. William Drewrie and Isacke Malyn, Chamberlains. Joseph Wrichte, Apothecary, elected Councillor, in place of the said Isacke Malyn, October 8, 1657. 'Josua' Hill, elected Councillor in place of Robert Smith, deceased, February 4, 1657-58. John Beechie, appointed Town's Cook, August 30, 1658. John Spencer, Mayor's Sergeant. Thomas Barnes, Samuel Lawson, John Morrice, and Steven Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Burgesses enrolled, 33.

1658-59 Richard Dringe, Mayor.<sup>1</sup> William Parker and John Toplady, Sheriffs. Samuel Ryley and Adrian Cooke, Chamberlains. Robert Greaves, Mayor's Clerk, resigned, November 1, 1658: Ralph Edge elected in his stead same day. Robert Bate, elected Councillor, October 8, 1658, in place of said Samuel Ryley; Robert Malyn, elected of the Common Council, June 9, 1659, in place of John Sherwyn, deceased. Robert Chamberlaynes Harding, Deputy Recorder, in place of Colonel Chadwick. Richard Hydes and Richard Whittbye, School-Wardens. Symon Poe, 'Pinder, but not Woodward.' Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1659-60 William Drewrie, Mayor. John, Earl of Clare, Recorder. Isaac Malyn and William Drury, Junior, Sheriffs. Richard Hodgskyn and William Burton, Chamberlains. Browneloe Eggington and Robert Bate, School-Wardens. Stanley Barrell, Swineherd. Burgesses enrolled, 47.

1660-61 Francis Toplady, Mayor. Thomas Riley and Adrian Cooke, Sheriffs. William Toplady and Stephen Garner, Chamberlains.

<sup>1</sup> He died during his Mayoralty (May 7, 1659), and was succeeded by Mr. John Fillingham.

William Petty and Richard Turpyn, Bridge-Wardens. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1661-62 John Parker, Mayor.<sup>1</sup> Richard Hodgskin and William Burton,<sup>2</sup> Sheriffs. Thomas Lovatt and William Jackson, Chamberlains. Adrian Garner and Danyel Sulley, Coroners. Christopher Hall elected of the Common Council, October 4, 1661, in place of above Thomas Lovatt, and Thomas Drewry in place of above William Jackson; Samuel Ryley, Robert Handford, and Roger Ryley the younger, sworn of the Common Council, August 11, 1662. Laurence Athorpe, Sheriffs' Clerk. Thomas Gelstropp, Mayor's Sergeant. Thomas Drewe made Mayor's Sergeant, December 7, 1661. Humphrey Greaves, Common Sergeant. Richard Harrison, Woodward. Samuel Lawson, John Miller, Stephen Garner, and Richard Jackson, Sheriffs' Sergeants. William Knewstubbs, William Patchett, and William Coggs, Waits. Solomon Sebastian 'retained' as a Wait, April 7, 1662. Christopher Kirke, Meadow-Keeper. Simon Poe, Pinder. Burgesses enrolled, 39.

1662-63 John Toplady, Mayor. William Toplady and John Greaves, Sheriffs. Robert Bate and William Ashers, Chamberlains. Burgesses enrolled, 28.

1663-64 William Greaves, Mayor. Christopher Hall and Gervas Rippon, Sheriffs. William Sheppard and John Parker, Chamberlains. William Bealey and George Alseebrooke, Coroners. John Greaves, Coroner in place of first ('voluntarily resigned'), September 26, 1664. Francis Toplady, William Greaves, Ralph Edge, William Jackson, Richard Hodgkyn, and Joseph Wright, Aldermen. John Parker, elected Alderman Jan. 18, 1663-64. Christopher Hall and Gervas Rippon elected of the Clothing Council, and Robert Miller of the Common Council, October 6, 1663. John Rawson elected in place of latter, and Thomas Truman in place of John Clay, deceased, October 28, 1663. Robert Bate elected Councillor in place of John Minshawe, deceased, May 18, 1664. John Oldham, Sheriffs' Steward and Clerk. John Shawe, Mayor's Sergeant, June 17, 1664, in place of Samuel Wildey. Humfrey Greaves, Common Sergeant. Samuel Lawson, John Miller,

<sup>1</sup> He was afterwards superseded by Francis Toplady.

<sup>2</sup> Afterwards superseded by Edward Greaves.

and Stephen Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Christopher Kirke, Meadow-Keeper. Richard Harrison, Woodward, and Richard Brinsley, Field-Reeve. William Coggs, Solomon Sabastion, Thomas Hodson, William Burgesse, and Thomas Gurrell, Waits. Richard Brinsley, Common Pinder. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1664-65 Ralph Edge, Mayor and Mayor's Clerk. Robert Bate and William Ashers, Sheriffs. Thomas Walker and Thomas Trueman, Chamberlains. John Greaves, Coroner. Burgesses enrolled, 26.

1665-66 William Jackson, Mayor. William Sheppard and John Parker, Sheriffs. Robert Kirkby and John Rawson, Chamberlains. Burgesses enrolled, 41.

1666-67. Richard Hodgkin, Mayor. Thomas Walker and Roger Ryley, Sheriffs. Joseph Clay and Edward White, Chamberlains. Burgesses enrolled, 32.

1667-68 Joseph Wright, Mayor. Robert Kyrkby and John Rawson, Sheriffs. Gervase Wilde and Samuel Richards, Chamberlains. Aldermen same as in 1663-64, with the exception of Francis Toplady, and the addition of Christopher Hall. George Alseabrooke and John Greaves, Coroners. Francis Armstronge elected of the Common Council in place of the above Gervase Wilde, and Richard Smyth in place of the above Samuel Richards, October 8, 1667. Arthur Riccards, Sheriffs' Steward and Clerk. Humphrey Greaves, Common Sergeant, as before. John Miller, John Baggott, Richard Jackson, and Stephen Garner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Francis Basse, Meadow-Keeper. John Ludlam, Field Reeve. William Coggs, Thomas Hodson, Thomas Gurrell, William Burgesse, Henry Hodson, and John Wingfeild, Waits. Samuel Platts, Beadle of the Beggars. Burgesses enrolled, 29.

1668-69 John Parker, Mayor. Joseph Clay and Edward White, Sheriffs. Benjamin Riccards and Francis Armstronge, Chamberlains. Henry, Marquis of Dorchester, Recorder. William Wilde, elected of the Common Council in place of Benjamyn Riccards, Samuel Smyth (son of Richard Smyth), elected in place of Francis Armstronge, October 6, 1668. Joseph Clay, Sheriff, elected of the Clothing Council in place of William Sheppard, deceased, January 6, 1668-69. Roberte Kirkeby elected of the Clothing Council in place of Robert Bate, January 20, 1668-69. Roger Ryley (late Sheriff) elected of the Clothing

- Council in place of William Lealand, deceased, September 20, 1669. John Baggott and George Moore, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Waits same, except Henry Hodson, excluded. Burgesses enrolled, 5.
- 1669-70 Christopher Hall, Mayor. Gervase Wyld and Samuel Richards, Sheriffs. Arthur Riccards and Henry Twells, Chamberlains. Richard Hodgskyn, Alderman. Roherte Coulston and Ralph Bennett elected of the Common Council in places of above Arthur Riccards and Henry Twells, October 7, 1669. Richard Harrison, Common Woodward. — Blackston, Mayor's Cook.
- 1670-71 William Greaves, Mayor. Benjamin Riccards and Ralph Bennett, Sheriffs. Richard Smyth the younger, and Robert Coulston, Chamberlains. John Parker, junior, and Francis Samon, elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, and Hugh Walker in place of Ralph Bennett; Benjamin Riccards, Sheriff, elected of the Clothing Council in place of Samuel Ryley, deceased, October 3, 1670. John Baggott, George Moore, James Childe, and Richard Jackson, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Thomas Gurrell, William Burges, William Coggs, Josiah or Josias Saundby, and James Moore, Waits.
- 1671-72 Ralph Edge, Mayor and Mayor's or Town Clerk. Arthur Riccards and William White, Sheriffs. William Wylde and John Parker, Chamberlains. Adryan Gamble, Thomas Muxlowe, and John Cliffe elected of the Common Council, October 3, 1671. William Coggs, John Wingfeild, James Moore, William Burgesse, and Josias Sandby, Waits.
- 1672-73 William Jackson, Mayor. Richard Smith and Robert Coulstone, Sheriffs. Samuell Smyth and Francis Salmon, Chamberlains. Edward Gregory and Roberte Wortley elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 1, 1672. John Ludlam, Woodward and Common Pinder.
- 1673-74 Richard Hodgkyn, Mayor. William Wilde and John Parker, Junior, Sheriffs. Hugh Walker and Adryan Gamble, Chamberlains. John Dale made School-Warden (with William Hardey) in place of Richard Smith, November 8, 1673. John Dale elected of the Common Council in place of above Hugh Walker, and William Caulton in place of above Adryan Gamble, October 6, 1673: Harrold Smyth, in place of John Dale, deceased, July 29, 1674. John Baggott, George Moore,

Richard Jackson, and Samuel Platts, Sergeants-at-Mace to Sheriffs. William Swayne, Woodward. John Ludlam and Francis Basse, Wood and Meadow-Keepers.

1674-75 Joseph Wright, Mayor. Died during his Mayoralty, and John Parker elected 'Deputy,' February 11, 1674-75. Samuel Smyth and Francis Salmon, Sheriffs. Thomas Muxlowe and Robert Wortley, Chamberlains. William Hardy and Robert Howett elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 9, 1674, and Richard Smyth in place of Benjamyn Riccards, deceased, September 1, 1675. Harrold Smyth and William Thorpe elected Bridge-Wardens, and William Hardy and William Woollhouse, School-Wardens, November 6, 1674.

1675-76 John Parker, Mayor. Hugh Walker and Adrian Gamble, Sheriffs. John Cliffe and William Caulton, Chamberlains. Cliffe died 1676, and Harrold Smyth elected in his place, May 22, 1676. William Pettie elected of the Clothing Council in place of Benjamin Riccards, October 5, 1675, and Richard Smyth in place of Robert Malin, November 8, 1675. Francis Sumner elected of the Common Council in place of Edward Gregory, resigned, January 10, 1675-76, and Samuell Lealand in place of above Harrold Smyth, May 24, 1676. William Woolhouse and Samuel Lealand, School-Wardens. Francis Samon and Robert Howett, Bridge-Wardens. Isaacke Dodsley, Wait, in place of William Coggs. Henry Heely elected Sergeant at the Mace in place of John Shaw, deceased, and Richard Lambert, Common Sergeant, in place of Humphry Greaves, resigned, May 8, 1676.

1676-77 Christopher Hall, Mayor. Thomas Muxlow and Robert Wortley, Sheriffs. William Hardy and Robert Howett, Chamberlains. Robert Peach and Robert Greene elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 6, 1676, and John Malyn in place of William Reason, deceased, May 16, 1677. Vincent Beverley, Mayor and Sheriffs' Steward, and Sheriffs' Clerk. Christopher Reynolds, Mayor's Sergeant at the Mace. Richard Lambert, Mayor's Common Sergeant. George Moore and George Bewchampe, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Samuell Platts and William Baker, Bill-bearers. Francis Basse, Common Meadow-Keeper. John Ludlam, Common Field-Keeper. John White, Woodward. Thomas Hill, sworn Wait, Dec. 5, 1676. Burgesses enrolled, 1675, 1676, and 1677, 58.

- 1677-78 William Greaves, Mayor. William Coulton and Harrold Smyth, Sheriffs. William Woolhouse and Francis Sumner, Chamberlains. Edward Hicklinge and William Michaelle elected of the Common Council, October 4, 1677; and Harrold Smyth elected of the Clothing Council in place of Francis Cocke, deceased, June 7, 1678. George Moore and Richard Browne, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Josia Sandby, William Burges, James Moore, Isaac Dodsley, and Thomas Hill, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 39.
- 1678-79 Ralph Edge, Mayor and Mayor's Clerk. William Hardy and Robert Hewett, Sheriffs. Samuel Lealand and Robert Peach, Chamberlains.
- 1679-80 John Parker, Junior, Mayor. William Woolhouse and Francis Sumner, Sheriffs. Robert Greene and John Malyn, Chamberlains. Thomas Trigg and John Whittby elected of the Common Council, October 1, 1679. Hugh Walker elected of the Clothing Council in place of Robert White, deceased, December 30, 1679. George Moore and Robert Sumner, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Woodward, same. Meadow and Field-Keepers, same. Burgesses enrolled, 29.
- 1680-81 Gervas Rippon, Mayor. Sergeant Bigland elected Recorder on the death of the Marquis of Dorchester, December 14, 1680. John Sherwin and Samuel Lealand, Sheriffs. John Hoe and Edward Hicklinge, or Hicklyn, Chamberlains. William Toplady, Alderman. William Jackson and William Smyth elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 5, 1680. George Allsebrooke resigned his office of Coroner, but retained his place in the Clothing Council, August 14, 1681. Josias Sandby and Isaac Dodsley, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 25.
- 1681-82 Gervas Wilde, Mayor. Robert Greene and John Malyn, Sheriffs. John Peake and Samuel Smyth, Chamberlains. John Greaves and Samuel Richards, Coroners. William Petty, Alderman. Thomas Lee and John Unwyn elected of the Common Council, October 6, 1681. Roger Ryley resigned his place in the Clothing Council, July 13, 1682. Robert Greene (Sheriff) and Samuel Smyth elected of the Clothing Council in places of George Alsabrooke, late Coroner, and 'Harrold' Smyth, July 14, 1682. John Rayner, Robert Sumner, Samuel Platts, and William Baker, Sheriffs' Sergeants at Mace, and Bill-bearers. John Walker, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 19.

- 1682-83 William Topladie, Mayor. Henry, Duke of Newcastle, Recorder. Robert Peach and John Whitby, Sheriffs. Thomas Lee and John Shipman, Chamberlains. Robert Wortley and William Woolhouse, Coroners. Thomas Partridge and John Scattergood, elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, December 7, 1682. Burgesses enrolled, 42.
- 1683-84 Christopher Hall, Mayor. John Peake and John Huthwayte, Sheriffs. William Jackson and Richard Wright, Chamberlain. John Unwyn elected in place of the latter, deceased, July 3, 1684. Roberte Wortley elected Alderman in place of Ralph Edge, deceased, September 11, 1684. John Peake (Sheriff) elected of the Clothing Council in place of Vincent Beverley, deceased, Thomas Bunney and Thomas Smyth elected two of the six 'Commoners,' in place of the Chamberlains, October 2, 1683; John Tuffyn elected one of the same in place of the above John Unwyn, July 18, 1684. John Huthwaite elected of the same in place of William Unwyn, September 12, 1684. William Unwyn elected Coroner in place of Robert Wortley, same date. Charles Chadwicke, Sheriffs' Steward and Clerk. Robert Sumner, Evington Byrch, Samuel Platts, and William Baker, Sheriffs' Sergeants at Mace and Bill-bearers. Christopher Reynolds, Mayor's Sergeant at Mace. Richard Lambert, Common Sergeant. John White, Woodward. Josias Sandby, Isaac Dodsley, Anthony Hurst, James Moore, and Edward Sandby, Waits, Burgesses enrolled, 39.
- 1684-85 William Petty, Mayor. Henry, Duke of Newcastle, re-elected Recorder, March 14, 1684-85. Thomas Lee and John Shipman, Sheriffs. Thomas Partridge and Henry Hardy, Chamberlains. Charles Bawdes, Mayor's Clerk. William Woolhouse and William Unwyn, Coroners. John Astey made School-Warden in place of John Tuffyn, May 29, 1685. Josiah Sandby, Isaac Dodsley, Anthony Hunte, and 'Iccabod' Frankes, Waits. John Walker, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 54 made, 33 restored.
- 1685-86 Robert Wortley, Mayor. William Jackson and John Unwyn, Sheriffs. John Scattergood and Thomas Bunney, Chamberlains. Thomas Lee elected of the Clothing Council in place of Roberte Coulston, Richard Wright and William Drury of the 'Commoners,' in place of the Chamberlains, October 5, 1685. John Shipman, of the Clothing Council, in place of

John Whitbey, deceased, November 17, 1685; William Jackson, Senior Sheriff, elected of the Clothing in place of Thomas Lee, deceased, February 26, 1685-86. John Raynor, Sheriffs' Sergeant in place of Robert Sumner: rest same.

1686-87 John Parker, Mayor. Henry Hardy and Thomas Partridge, Sheriffs. Thomas Smith and John Tuffyn, Chamberlains. John Green elected Chamberlain on the death of the latter, December 29, 1686. John Shephard elected Chamberlain on the death of John Green, March 10, 1686-87. Thomas Bowre and Christopher Stocke elected two of the six Common Council in place of the above Thomas Smith and John Tuffyn, October 7, 1686. Robert Allicock elected one of the Common Council in place of above John Green, December 30, 1686, John Bennet in place of above John Shephard, March 11, 1686-87. John Raynor, Evington Birch, and William Baker, Sheriffs' Sergeants at the Mace and Bill-bearers. Burgesses enrolled, 57.

1687-88 Gervas Rippon, Mayor: displaced by mandate, and John Sherwin appointed in his stead, January 24. John Scattergood and Richard Wright, Sheriffs: displaced by mandate, and Joseph Boote and John Huthwaite appointed in their stead. Thomas Bower and Robert Allicocke, Chamberlains: displaced by mandate, and Thomas Cooke and Samuel Watkinson appointed in their stead. George Langford and Thomas Smith, Aldermen. John Hydes and John Unwyn, Coroners. Robert Marshall, Richard Knight, Thomas Collins, John Nevill, William Burrows, Joseph James, and Thomas Poole, elected of the Upper Council, in accordance with mandamus. William Cockle, Caleb Wilkinson and William Orme elected of the Common Council, in accordance with mandamus. Gervas Wyld, William Toplady, William Petty, and Robert Wortley, Aldermen, displaced; Jacob Villiers, William Jackson, Hugh Walker, John Peake, and Francis Sulley, Upper Council men, displaced; Christopher Stockes, Robert Abbott, and William Johnson, Common Council men, displaced; John Hawkins, Charles Harvey, and Joseph Turpin, elected Aldermen; Benjamin Holmes, Abraham Metcalf, John Crisp, John Borrodale, John Welsh, and Samuel Smith elected of the Council of 18. William Banes, William Belfin, and John Francis, of the Council of 6, February 21, 1687-88. William Union,<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 'Union' = Unwyn.

William Woollas, and John Huthwaite, of the Council of 18. Charles Chadwick, Town Steward, and one of the same Council, displaced by mandamus; Joseph Boote, William Moore, Samuel Roades, and Roger Hawkesly elected of the Council of 18; Thomas Collins, Alderman, in place of Thomas Trigg, refusing to be sworn, March 8, 1687-88. John Huthwait elected of the Upper Council in place of Alderman Collins, March 19, 1687-88. John Hydes, Coroner, elected Alderman, in place of John Sherwin, Mayor, deceased, May 2, 1688. John Barradale elected Coroner in place of John Hydes, May 8, 1688. Joseph Sylls elected of the Head Council in place of John Hydes, Alderman, same day. Robert Allicocke and John Astye, School-Wardens. John Bennett elected in place of first, November 17, 1687. Robert Abbott, John Astye, and Francis Armstrong elected of the Common Council, in place of above Richard Wright, Thomas Bower, and Robert Allicocke; Astye and Armstrong refused to serve, and were fined; William Johnson and John Jalland elected in their places, October 7, 1687. Burgesses enrolled, 89.

1688-89 George Langford, Mayor. Thomas Boote and Samuel Smith, Sheriffs. Thomas Cooke elected Sheriff in place of Thomas Boote, deceased, November 16, 1688. Hugh Walker and Joseph James, Bridge-Wardens. John Asty and James Huthwaite, School-Wardens. Thomas Cooke and Samuel Watkinson named Chamberlains in the King's Charter; both refused to act; William Cockle and Caleb Wilkinson elected in their place, November 9, 1688. James Huthwaite, William Noone, and Benjamin Green elected of the Under Council in place of the Chamberlains, and John France, deceased, November 9, 1688. Thomas Cooke elected of the Head Council in place of Joseph Boot, deceased, Nov. 16, 1688. William Moor elected Coroner in place of John Borrodale, left the town, July 5, and also 'removed' from the Council, July 10, 1689. Nicholas Miller, William Stirrup, Thomas Hardemeat, John Ross, John White, John Wingfeild, and Joseph Briggs, elected of the Head Council, and Francis Armstrong, of the Council of 6, in place of some who failed to qualify themselves; and John Crisp, Alderman, in place of Thomas Smith, left, August 14, 1689. William Greaves elected of the Head Council in place of John Borradell.

Robert Atkinson and Richard Lambert, Mayor's Sergeants at Mace. Evington Burch and John Rayner, Sheriffs' Sergeants at Mace, and Bill-bearers. Josias Sandby, Senior, Isaac Dodsley, Joseph Dodsley, and Josias Sandby, Junior, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 31.

1689-90 Charles Harvey, Mayor. Samuel Watkinson and William Cockle, Sheriffs. Both elected of the Head Council, October 25, 1689.<sup>1</sup> William Orme and William Baynes, Chamberlains. Lawrence Athorpe appointed Deputy Town-Clerk, March 11, 1689-90. John Huthwaite and John Wingfeild, School-Wardens. Joseph James and John White, Bridge-Wardens. Isaack Dance and John Kitching elected of the Under-Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 10, 1689. George Langford, John Hawkins, Joseph Turpin, Thomas Collin, John Hydes, and John Crispe, Aldermen. William More and Joseph James, Coroners. Richard Knight, Sheriffs' Steward. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1690-91 John Hawkins, Mayor. William Orme and William Baines, Sheriffs. James Huthwaite and Benjamin Green, Chamberlains. Bridge-Wardens same as before. John Wingfeild and Joseph Briggs, School-Wardens. Richard Knight, Sheriffs' Steward. Samuel Harres and Thomas James elected of the Common Council in place of the Chamberlains. Francis Basse, Meadow-Keeper. John Ludlam, Woodward and Field-Keeper. Joseph Sansby, Matthew Ratcliffe, Senior, Isaac Dodsley, Joseph Dodsley, Matthew Ratcliffe, Junior, and William Ratcliffe, Waits. Burgesses enrolled, 17.

1691-92 Joseph Turpin, Mayor. James Huthwaite and Benjamin Green, Sheriffs. William Noon and Francis Armstrong, Chamberlains. Robert Linley and George Frith, elected of the Common Council, October 6, 1691. Richard Knight, Sheriffs' Clerk. Christopher Wilson, Mayor's Sergeant at Mace. Richard Lambert, Common Sergeant. John Reynor and Isaac Platts, Sheriffs' Sergeants. John Walker, Swineherd and Neatherd. Burgesses enrolled, 20.

1692-93 William Greaves, Mayor. The Right Hon. the Earl of Devon chosen Recorder, December 29, 1692. Lawrence Athorpe elected Mayor's and Town Clerk, December 6, 1692, and

<sup>1</sup> On May 26 and June 16, 1690, by mandamuses, Gervase Rippon was 'restored' to be Mayor, John Scattergood to be one

of the Sheriffs, and William Toplady, William Petty, and Robert Wortley, to be Aldermen.

sworn Burgess, March 30, 1693. John Hoe and Edward Hickling, Sheriffs. John Kitchin and William Barke, Chamberlains. Robert Harrison and William Drury the younger, School-Wardens. Francis Salmon and William Greaves, the younger, Bridge-Wardens. Thomas Trigg, Arthur Rickards, Samuell Smith, John Hoe, Samuell Lealand, Joseph Briggs, John Hawkin, Thomas Collin, John Petty, Richard Goodale, William Drury the elder, and William Sterrop, elected of the Head Council, November 4, 1692. Thomas Trigge and Ralph Bennet, sworn Aldermen and Justices of the Peace, November 20, 1692. Francis Salmon elected Alderman, March 30, 1693. Arthur Rickards and Francis Salmon, Coroners. Arthur Riccards and John Hoe elected Aldermen, December 10, 1692. John Kitchin, John Greaves, Roger Radford, Robert Linley, and Robert Harrison elected of the Common Council, November 7, 1692. William Bilby, William Greaves, and John Wingfeild, elected Councillors, December 1, 1692. John Bush, John Rosse, Roger Hakesley and Thomas Hardmett, elected of the Head Council, and Thomas Rotheram and Thomas James elected of the Common Council, December 14, 1692. John Greaves elected of the Head Council to make up 18, December 19, 1692. Burgesses enrolled, 43.

1693-94 Thomas Trigge, Mayor. Samuell Smyth and Francis Armstrong, Sheriffs. Roger Radford and Robert Lindeley, Chamberlains. Samuel Smyth and Samuel Lealand, Coroners. William Drury elected Alderman and Justice of the Peace in place of John Parker, deceased, July 3, 1694. Richard Lealand elected of the Common Council, October 6, 1693. Francis Armestronge, Sheriff, elected of the Head Council in place of above William Drury, August 2, 1694. Mathew Ratcliffe, Senior, Isaacke Dodsley, William Ratcliffe, Joseph Dodsley, and Mathew Ratcliffe, Junior, Waits. John Ludlam, Wood and Field Keeper. John Raynor and Isaac Calton, Sheriffs' Sergeants. William Hallam, Neatherd and Pinder. Burgesses enrolled, 29.

1694-95 Arthur Riccards, Mayor. John Kitchen and William Barke, Sheriffs. Robert Harryson and John Greaves, Chamberlains. William, Duke of Devonshire, Recorder. William Bilbey and Benjamin Greene, School-Wardens. Joseph Briggs and Samuel Lealand, Bridge-Wardens. Samuell Lealand elected

Alderman in place of Ralph Bennett, deceased, October 22, 1694. Thomas Rotheram removed from the Junior Council. William Greaves, the younger, elected Coroner, in place of Samuell Lealand, Alderman, October 22, 1694. John Peake elected of the Senior Council, in place of the same, October 24, 1694. John Smyth and Francis Metham elected of the Junior Council same day, in place of Thomas Rotheram (removed), and Robert Harryson (Chamberlain). John Onwyne, Councillor, resigned, September 3, 1695. Burgesses enrolled, 49.

1695-96 John Hoe, Mayor. Roger Radforth and Robert Lindley, Sheriffs. Joseph Briggs elected in place of the latter, deceased, July 6, 1696. Thomas James and Robert Allicocke, Chamberlains. John Wingfield and William Barke, Bridge-Wardens. John Kitchin and George Frith (Ironmonger), School-Wardens. George Frith and Joseph Cooke elected of the Common Council, December 3, 1695. Samuell Smith, Coroner, removed from the Head Council, January 13, 1695-96. Robert Wortley retired from the Common Council, March 19, 1695-96. Samuell Watkinson and Roger Radford elected of the Head Council, in place of John Bush, deceased, and Robert Wortley, resigned, March 26, 1696-97. William Bilby elected of the Lower Common Council, in place of John Smyth, deceased, August 13, 1696. Harvey Bagott, Common Sergeant. John Raynor, Isaac Calton, and Richard Turpin, Sheriffs' Sergeants. Isaac Dance, William Noone, Richard Marshall, and John Smith, Field-Reeves. Richard Hill, Woodward. Burgesses enrolled, 55.

1696-97 Francis Salmon, Mayor. Robert Harryson and John Greaves, Sheriffs. Thomas Lovett and Richard Lealand, Chamberlains. Samuell Watkinson, Coroner, elected Alderman. William Greaves elected Alderman, June 25, 1697, in place of John Hoe, deceased, September 23, 1697. Thomas Collin elected Alderman, in place of William Drury, deceased, September 23, 1697. John Kitchin elected of the Head Council, July 8, 1697. Joseph Goodall and Richard Berne elected of the Common Council, in place of the Chamberlains, October 9, 1696. William Barke elected of the Senior Council in place of John Rosse, deceased, March 12, 1696-97. Samuel Smith and William Greaves, Coroners; afterwards Samuell Watkinson in place of the last, and John Peake in

place of Watkinson. George Frith, William Bilby, Junior, Isaake Bristowe, and Thomas Burley, Field-Reeves. Burgesses enrolled, 24.

1697-98 Samuel Lealand, Mayor. Thomas James and Robert Allicocke, Sheriffs. Abraham Metcalfe elected in place of Robert Allicocke, deceased, January 3, 1697-98, and William Stirropp, in place of Abraham Metcalfe, deceased, June 3, 1698. Francis Metham and George Firth, or Frith, Chamberlains. Samuel Smith and John Peake, Coroners (the latter succeeding to Samuel Watkinson). James Huthwait elected of the Head Council in place of Samuell Watkinson, Alderman. Alexander Burden and John Reynolds elected of the Junior or Common Council, in place of the Chamberlains, October 5, 1697. George Wallis, Town's Husband. William Barrow, Mayor's Sergeant. Burgesses enrolled, 35.

1698-99 William Greaves, Mayor. Thomas Lovett and John Riccards, Sheriffs. William Noone elected Sheriff, in place of Thomas Lovett, deceased, January 24, 1698-99. Joseph Cooke and William Bilby, the younger, Chamberlains. George Frith and Robert Egginton elected of the Junior Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 4, 1698. Burgesses enrolled, 59.

1699-1700 Thomas Collin, Mayor. Francis Metham and George Frith, Sheriffs. Joseph Goodall and Richard Berne, Chamberlains. Alexander Burden made Chamberlain in place of the former, June 2, 1700. John Collins and John Richards elected of the Junior Common Council in place of the Chamberlains, October 3, 1699. John Rickards elected of the Senior Council in place of Edward Hickling, deceased, October 12, 1699, and made Alderman in place of Alderman Greaves, deceased, November 1, 1699. Benjamin Greene elected of the Senior or Head Council in place of the said John Rickards, November 3, 1699. William Greaves elected of the Junior Council, in place of Alexander Burden, Chamberlain, September 26, 1700. George Frith, Junior, and William Noon, School-Wardens. Benjamin Green and William Stirrop, Bridge-Wardens. Charles Chadwicke, Mayor and Sheriffs' Steward, in place of Richard Knight, deceased. William Barke, William Bilby, the elder, Joseph Goodall, and John Reynolds, Field-Reeves. Burgesses enrolled, 104.

1700-1 Samuel Watkinson, Mayor. Joseph Cooke and William Bilby,

the younger, Sheriffs. John Reynolds and George Firth, the younger, Chamberlains. John Peake (Coroner with Samuel Smith), elected Alderman, in place of Arthur Rickards, deceased, and Benjamin Green, Coroner, in place of John Peake, January 13, 1700-1. Theodore Fosbrook and William Johnson elected of the Junior Council, in place of the Chamberlains, October 2, 1700. William Noon elected of the Head Council, in place of John Peake, January 14, 1700-1. Burgesses enrolled, 111.

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## GLOSSARY OF ENGLISH AND LATIN.

NOTE.—Following the example of the previous volumes, the line references as well as the page references are given in this Glossary.

- ADDLE, 125, 5. 'To merit, or deserve. *Cath. Ang.*, 'adylle.'
- AGISTMENT, 206, 19; 307, 3. Taking of cattle to pasture in the King's forest, etc., at a fixed rate.
- ASSARTUM, 34, 6, 21. Assart; land brought into cultivation.
- AVERIA, 40, 17, 28. Horses or oxen for the plough; cattle generally.
- AVISE, 319, 28. To consult.
- BORDARI, 16, 31; 18, 6. Boors, husbandmen, cottagers.
- BURGAGIUM, 40, 17, 29. A burgage; the service whereby a borough is held. A burgage-tenure is a tenure whereby houses and lands which were formerly the site of houses, in an ancient borough, are held of some lord by a certain rent. 'This tenure,' adds Wharton, 'is obviously a fragment of Saxon freedom.'
- CARUCATA TERRAE, 16, 17, 28, 31; 18, 21, 22. Carve of land; a plough-land of 100 acres; as much land as may be tilled in a year and a day by one plough and beasts sufficient. The quantity varies in different counties from 60 to 120 acres. [Carve = Saxon hide.]
- CARVE. See Carucata, above.
- CHAPMAN, 393, 30. Bidder. 'One that offers as a purchaser.' (Johnson.)
- CIVELL, 282, 7. Civil, sober, not showy. [Cf. Milton's 'civil-suited morn.']
- COMMON WORK. (See General Index; for full explanation of the nature of the work, see Glossary to vol. iv.)
- COMMUNA PASTURAE, 40, 16, 27. Common of pasture, or the right of feeding one's beasts in another's land: a privilege belonging to the owners or occupiers of arable land holden of a manor, to put upon its wastes their commonable beasts, viz., horses, kine, or sheep, being such as either plough or manure the soil, or because of vicinage or neighbourhood (*ratione vicinagii*), which takes place where the tenants of two adjoining manors have suffered their cattle to range indiscriminately over both wastes, and it seems that either lord may put an end to it by erecting a fence (Wharton, *Law Lexicon*).
- COMMUNICABILIS, 40, 16, 17, 22, 28, 35. Commonable, or what is held in common; applied to beasts, places, seasons, etc.
- CONDUCTED, 312, 10. Hired, or employed for wages.
- CONSTATT, CONSTATE, 283, 27, 31. A certificate. For *constat* (Latin),

- it appears; leading words of the certificate.
- CROWNERS, 129, 29. Coroners.
- DEODAND, 248, 1. A thing given or forfeited to God for pacifying His wrath; from *Deo dandum*, Latin, 'to be given to God.' As if a horse, etc., should kick his keeper, etc., and kill him, the horse was to be given to God, *i.e.*, forfeited to the King, by law, as executor, to see the price of such horse distributed to the poor.
- DISHONEST, 177, 6. Unchaste, immoral.
- DRAWGHTS, DRAUGHTS, DROUGHTS, 111, 26; 130, 25; 158, 18, 26; 197, 1; 206, 10; 248, 4; 251, 13. Draught horses or teams, drays, loads, etc. [From AS. *dragan*, to draw, drag.]
- DRIVINGE (the meadows), 120, 24. Driving cattle into an enclosure to find out the ownership, and whether entitled or not to common of pasture. See Glossary to vol. iii.
- ENURE, 173, 27. To become customary.
- EYVING'S-DROPPER, 139, 31. Eaves-dropper.
- FATTES, 185, 27. Vats.
- FEAZANT, 286, 4. For *faisant* (Fr.) doing, committing, etc.
- GARGELL, 107, 19, 21. An affection of the udder in cows.
- GOODMAN, 354, 13. Gaffer; a slight appellation of civility, generally ironical. [Lowland Scotch, *gude man*.]
- GROUNDSILLS, GROWNDSILLS, 114, 19; 115, 18. Foundations; timber laid horizontally near the ground to secure the uprights, etc. See vol. ii, p. 372, note 5.
- GUILDABLE, 170, 25; 181, 20. Liable to pay toll. [AS. *gild*, a payment, etc.]
- HUDD, 115, 1. Sometimes chimney-top so contrived as to secure a constant draught by turning with the wind, and sometimes a projecting cover above the hearth, forming the upper part of the fireplace.
- INFANGENETHEOF, 14, 2, 28; 15, 1, 30. Literally, the seizure of a thief within a demesne. It used to mean the right of trying thieves seized within a district, and of receiving the profits of such jurisdiction. See vol. i, p. 447.
- KIDD, 180, 4; 394, 26, 29; 395, 1, 3. A bundle of heath and furze, sometimes of wood, etc.
- KITT, 179, 25. A tub.
- LEVANS ET CUBANS, 40, 18, 30. [Fr. *levans et couchant*,] getting or rising up, and lying down; a phrase used when the beasts or cattle of a stranger have come on the land of another man, and have remained there, 'lying down' to repose, and 'rising' to feed; a considerable space of time, by some supposed to be a day and a night.
- LEY, 260, 2. A skein.
- MANSIO, 16, 25; 18, 3. A mansion, or dwelling-house, perhaps a manor. In Wright's Glossary, the second

- definition (a dwelling-house) is the only one given, but '*mansio*,' which is of frequent occurrence in the *De Imitatione Christi*, is generally, if not always, rendered by the English translators of the work 'mansion.' See remarks in Introduction.
- MASTY, 187, 24. Mastiff.
- MEARES, 295, 28. Limits, boundaries.
- MEARSTONE, MEARSTON, 10, 5; 11, 5; 296, 23. Boundary stone. [AS. *ge-mædere*, a boundary.] See vol. iv., p. 189.
- MENOR, 136, 22; 159, 11. Manure.
- MIDLING, 260, 5. The coarser part.
- MONETARIUS, 16, 17. A moneyer, or banker.
- MULL, 159, 10. Dust, dirt, rubbish.
- MULLOCK, 158, 2. Dust or rubbish heap.
- MYDINGE, MIDINGE, 185, 21; 280, 29. Dunghill.
- PAINTICE, 261, 3. Penthouse.
- PEDIS PULVERIZATI CURIA, 30, 4, 17, 26-7. Court of Piepowder. Literally, the Court of dusty foot; corrupted from the French *piéd poudreux*. The Court was held in fairs to do justice to buyers and sellers, and for redress of all disorders committed in them. So called, because, as fairs were most usually in summer, the suitors were commonly country people with dusty feet. In Ben Jonson's comedy, *Bartholomew Fair*, the toy seller, Leatherhead, says to the gingerbread woman, Joan Trash, 'Is this well, goody Joan, to interrupt my market in the midst, and call away my customers? Can you answer this at the pie-powdres?' Act iii., sc. 1. The Court is also mentioned once in Act ii., and again in Act iv. of the same play.
- PERCEAVE, 267, 1. To take. Latin, *percipio*.
- PICCAGIUM, PIKAGIUM, 30, 20, 26. A duty charged in fairs and markets for licence to break the ground, and pitch stalls. See Glossary to vol. i.
- POINTS, 120, 21; 121, 1. Strings with tags.
- PRAESENTAMENTA, 10, 24, 26, 27. A barbarism for *praesentatio*, a presentment.
- PRESIDENT, 239, 9. A precedent.
- PRETENDS, 141, 14. Alleges.
- PURPRESTURA, 34, 6, 22. Purpresture, encroachment.
- QUARANTENA, 16, 15. A quarantine, or furlong of 40 perches.
- QUICKE, QUICK, 177, 25; 331, 13. Living, live.
- RAMELL, RAMMELL, 111, 12; 158, 3; 194, 19; 199, 17, 20; 353, 1. Rubbish.
- REALITY, 226, 25. Loyalty.
- REGARDUM (FORESTAE), 34, 6, 22. Regard (of a forest), *i.e.*, that by the inspector of a forest, and the extent of his charge.
- REGRATE, 292, 6. To forestal, engross. [Fr. *regratter*.]
- REGRETTING, 343, 6. Forestalling.
- RESENTMENTS, 370, 18. Sentiments.
- ROWELL, 106, 20; 111, 18; 122, 20; 136, 25; 146, 20; 152, 30; 188, 16, 18; 199, 10; 404, 34. Drain, or sewer.
- SACA ET SOCA, 16, 26, 27; 17, 28, 29-30; 18, 14-15; 19, 15. Sac

- and soc. 'Sac' is the privilege enjoyed by a lord of a manor, of holding courts, trying causes, and imposing fines (Cowel). 'Soc' is a jurisdiction, or a power or privilege to administer justice and execute laws; a seignory, or lordship.
- SCUTT, 341, 8, 13, 18. Embankment.
- SELION, 415, 24. Ridge of land.
- SHOUËLL-ABORD, 352, 10, 11. Shovel-board, a long board on which persons play by sliding metal pieces at a mark.
- SHOW, 335, 8. Issue, or sewer.
- SILVA MINUTA, 16, 15. *Silva cœdua*, *bois taillis* = *wood fit for cutting*. Copse, or coppice.
- SITHENCE, 177, 12, 13. Since, ago. 'Originally,' says Professor Henry Morley, in a note to Florio's *Montaigne*, 'two English First words, *sith* *tham*, after that. These, run into one, became afterwards, *sithen*. The use of a genitive ending as adverbial sign caused this next to become *sithenes*. Habits of spelling changed the final *es* into *ce* (as "ones" into "once"). The tendency to drop the sound of *th* in the middle of a word of two short syllables changed finally *sithence* into *since*.'
- SKELLY, or SKERRY, 374, 14. The word in its first form is seldom used, but in its second, it is still common enough in Nottingham. Skerry is a layer of grey substance, generally hard, and composed of very fine sand or grit; but sometimes of a softer consistence, and not unlike fuller's earth; it is interstratified with beds of clay, and is usually found in the eastern part of Nottingham.
- SKEPP, 119, 32: 259, 11. A basket narrow at the bottom, and wide at the top.
- SOCA, 16, 19: 17, 20. See *supra*, 'Saca et soca.'
- SPADE-GRAFT-DEEP, 374, 14, 15. The depth of the blade, *i.e.*, up to where the blade is inserted or *grafted* in the handle. The phrase is still locally used.
- STAMELL, 119, 27. A coarse woollen cloth.
- STOOP, STOPE, SCOPE, STOUPE, 122, 6: 152, 20: 153, 5: 265, 25: 281, 9: 304, 15: 356, 21. A post. This seems to be the most correct definition, and is that given in the footnotes to the previous volumes. In the Glossary, however, to vol. iv., 'rail' is substituted for 'post.'
- STUDDINGE, 114, 18; 115, 17. Making new posts, etc. See Glossary to vol. iii.
- SUMMERTREE, 115, 9; 260, 31. A tree to make a prop of; the prop itself.
- TAMPER, 259, 15. To deal with secretly, to bring to terms. Not used in a bad sense.
- THEAM, 14, 2, 29; 15, 1, 30. Used to mean, vouching to warranty, *i.e.*, where a person has to produce witness to prove he has bought goods actually in his possession, or claimed by him. In grants, it implies jurisdiction in matters of warranty; and, as a natural result, the right to receive forfeitures in such cases. See also vol. i.
- THEOLONEUM, 14, 28; 15, 30. Toll.

- THOU, 14, 2, 28; 15, 1, 30. Toll.  
See also vol. i. for further explanation.
- THOLONEA, THEOLONIA, THELONEA,  
14, 2; 15, 2; 30, 19, 26. Tolls.  
See vol. i.
- THRUME, 115, 26. A coarse yarn,  
or unravelled strand of rope.
- TIPLING, 107, 12; 250, 20. Keeping  
a small beerhouse.
- TROWSE, 155, 15. Brushwood, etc.
- UPSETT, 307, 1. A setting up; a  
commencement of a business; a  
fine due to the borough upon com-  
mencing a craft.
- VENTED, 116, 25. Sold; past parti-  
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- VILLANI, 16, 16; 18, 22. Villeins,  
serfs, or bondsmen.
- VIRIDARIUS, 34, 22. A verderer, or  
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clearing in a forest.
- WARDROPP, 167, 14. Wardrobe,  
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in Halliwell.
- WATERWORKE, 322, 23; 328, 17.  
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- WEAKE, 257, 27. Wick.
- WORSHIPP, 130, 16. Honour.



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Page 9, line 26, *dele* bracket to word 'appointed.'

„ 41, lines 18-19, 31, in place of 'as though' (*tanquam*), a better reading would perhaps be *as*, the sense of the passage evidently being that common of pasture is claimed 'as belonging and appertaining to the same (cattle) respectively.'

„ 79, line 25, *after* 'paragraph' *insert* the figure 7, the number of the corresponding footnote.

„ 97, line 16, *for* Jonn Ludlam *read* John Ludlam.

„ 122, footnote 1, and page 152, footnote 2, *for* rails *read* posts. *See also* remarks on 'stoop' in Glossary.

„ 189, footnote 4, *for* March 25th, 1625, *read* March 27th, 1625. The mistake occurs in Bailey's *Annals*.

„ 209, line 29, *for* *Ib.*, fo. 29, *read* 3417, fo. 29.

„ 220, footnote 3, *for* 1644, *read* 1643.

„ 223, heading of line 11, *for* 1644, August 13, *read* 1644, August 14, and line 19, *for* *Ib.*, fo. 33, *read* *Ib.*, fo. 31.

„ 268, line 35, *for* *Ib.*, fo. 50, *read* 3424, fo. 50.

„ 306, line 13, *for* scilicet *read* scire.

„ 317, line 15, *for* *Ib.*, fo. 18, *read* 3440, fo. 18.

„ 429, line 31, *for* May 13st, 1645, *read* May 31st, 1645.

Note also page 176, line 28, 'Raph Tolk,' an error in the MS. for 'Raph Toft' or 'Taft,' and page 337, line 19, 'Charles Chadwick, Towne Clerke,' an error in the MS. for 'Charles Chadwick, Town Steward.'









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